

TOWN OF  
CHARLEMONT



MASSACHUSETTS

1959



ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOURTH

# ANNUAL REPORT

*of the* TOWN OFFICERS



1959

Town of Charlemont, Massachusetts

### THE COVER

The Old Covered Bridge, which spanned the Deerfield River for over 100 years until it was replaced by the modern structure in 1943.

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# TOWN CALENDAR

## 1960

Jan. 12	Last Registration of Voters before Town Meeting
Feb. 1	Town Meeting
Mar. 30	Last day for filing Seasonal Liquor Licenses
Mar. 31	Dog Licenses—Expiration date
Apr. 17	Easter
May 30	Memorial Day
June 17	Elementary School closes
June 24	High School closes
July 4	Independence Day
Sept. 5	Labor Day
Sept. 7	School opens
Oct. 31	Last day for payment of Town Taxes without penalty
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving
Nov. 30	Last day for filing Liquor License renewals
Dec. 25	Christmas Day

## 1961

Jan. 2	Last day for filing Nomination Papers for Election of Town Officers
Jan. 17	Last day for registration before Town Meeting
Feb. 6	Town Meeting

**U. S. SENATORS**

John F. Kennedy, Boston

Leverett Saltonstall, Dover

**U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1**

Sylvio O. Conte, Pittsfield

**STATE SENATOR**

Ralph C. Mahar, Orange

**REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1**

Philip F. Whitmore, Sunderland

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Harry F. Koch, Shelburne

Frank H. Reed, Greenfield

Delbert A. Witty, Orange



# TOWN OFFICERS

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Horace E. Warfield, *Chairman*

Term Expires 1959

Sherman T. Pike, *Clerk*

Term Expires 1961

William D. Pierson

Term expires 1960

## TOWN CLERK

Mary L. Carpenter

## TOWN TREASURER

Beda A. Langevin

## TAX COLLECTOR

Raymond C. Willis

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Sherman T. Pike, *resigned*

Winston Healy

Term expires 1959

Norman F. Hawkes

Term expires 1960

Donald Raymond

Term expires 1961

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William P. Stafford, *Chairman*

Term expires 1959

Emma B. Vincent

Term expires 1960

Gerald Raymond

Term expires 1961

## HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Helen Stiles, *Chairman*

Ann E. Doyle, *Treasurer*

Gertrude Ogden, *Secretary*

Gerald Raymond

Emma B. Vincent

William P. Stafford

Clayburn Rich

## MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Charles E. Streeter

William P. Stafford

Harry L. Purinton, *Advisor*



## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Wilson L. Tilley

## **HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL CUSTODIAN**

Charles Purinton

## **CHARLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN**

William C. Turner

## **TRUSTEES FOR THE EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL**

Lawrence A. Clark, *Chairman*

Term expires 1963

Stanton C. Kendrick

Term expires 1959

Mabel V. Sears, *Secretary*

Term expires 1960

Emma Fisk

Term expires 1961

Herbert Smith

Term expires 1962

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

Horace E. Warfield, *Chairman*

Sherman T. Pike

William D. Pierson

Phyllis L. Heist, *Agent*

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

William D. Pierson, *Chairman*

Sherman T. Pike

Horace E. Warfield

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Blanche L. Hunt

Term expires 1959

Stanton Kendrick

Term expires 1960

Elsie C. Bissland

Term expires 1961

Pearle Tanner, *Librarian*

## **PARK COMMISSION**

Charles L. Purinton, *Chairman*

Term expires 1959

Harry F. Degate

Term expires 1960

Avis M. Churchill

Term expires 1961

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

D. A. Lanoue, *Chairman*  
Term expires 1960

Leslie Vincent  
Term expires 1961

Ann E. Doyle  
Term expires 1959

**AUDITOR**

Raymond Purinton

**TREE WARDEN**

Roy Breen

**CONSTABLES**

Paul Cetto

Charles Purinton

Roger E. McKinstry

**FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Frank J. Wells

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Stanton C. Kendrick

**CLERK OF TOWN OFFICES**

Beda A. Langevin

**WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Dorothy Morehouse, R. N.

**DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE**

Philip DiBenedetto

**SUPERINTENDENT, GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM  
DISEASE CONTROL**

Roy A. Hicks

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

Roger E. McKinstry

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

D. A. Lanoue

### **INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Roy A. Hicks

### **INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**

Roy A. Hicks

Wilbur L. Burnett

### **FENCE VIEWERS**

Marshall F. Johnson

Theron S. Taylor, Sr.

### **FIELD DRIVERS AND POUND KEEPERS**

Marshall F. Johnson

Theron S. Taylor, Sr.

### **WEIGHERS**

Harry F. Hawkes

Theron S. Taylor, Jr.

### **MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK**

William C. Turner

Herman F. Harris

### **MEASURERS OF LUMBER**

William C. Turner

Herman F. Harris

Olin Whipple

Aubrey L. Rice

Charles W. Goodwin

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Cyrus C. Annear, Sr.

### **VETERANS' AGENT**

Robert E. Scott

### **BURIAL AGENTS**

Lawrence S. Tinney

Robert E. Scott

### **CUSTODIAN TOWN HALL**

Lawrence S. Tinney

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS**

Paul E. Heist

### **SPECIAL POLICE**

Lincoln Shaw

Paul Heist

Lawrence Tinney

Edward Stafford

Charles Gilbert

Cyrus C. Annear, Jr.

Harold Shumway

Robert H. Jackman

Walter Hunt

Norman Hawkes

Wilson Tilley

Robert Rice

## JURY LIST

Ann E. Doyle, *office clerk*

Mabel V. Sears, *retired school teacher*

Glenn E. Adams, *poultryman*

Leon H. Turner, *garage and gun shop owner*

Robert J. King, *owner, awning and upholstering business*

Sherman T. Pike, *Chief engineer, Kendall Mills, Griswoldville*

S. Stuart Goddard, *post office clerk*

Maxmilian P. Falandes, *State Department of Public Works, Greenfield*

Winston Healy, *farmer*

Lawrence Tinney, *Town Hall custodian*

Norman Hawkes, *Department of Public Works*

Beda A. Langevin, *insurance agent*

Marshall Johnson, *farmer*

## Selectmen's Report

The Regional High School project became dormant in 1959 due to the withdrawal of Buckland and Shelburne from the District. It is regrettable that the remaining towns have neither the population nor the funds to build a new high school. It is apparent that we must wait until the tax impact of the new Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School has subsided and hope that other obstacles may be overcome so that the six towns may again work toward a high school of proper size and modern facilities.

We purchased a new Highway Spreader from the Perkins Machinery Company in February at a cost of \$2400.00 in accordance with the vote of the Town Meeting. The spreader has been very helpful in this past year of icy roads.

The Stone and Webster Company is again providing salt for use on the Zoar Road in 1960 as they did in 1959 and we are hoping to receive aid from the State again this year in paying for the special service the traffic on the Zoar Road now demands. In 1959 we received a special grant of \$2500.00 from the State for this purpose.

Our 1959 Chapter 90 construction contract of \$12,000.00 was used on the South River Road.

In response to many requests from the persons who use the road and on the advice of the Department of Public Works, a 1200 foot section of the West OxBow Road was relocated so as to make a better and safer approach to Route 2. The work was done with Chapter 81 funds.

A blind and dangerous curve was improved on Warfield Road, also with Chapter 81 funds.

Other Chapter 81 funds were used to widen, straighten and surface a section of the Legate Hill Road.

Following a report from the Wage Survey Committee, the wages of the Highway Department were brought in line with the wages paid in nearby towns by an increase of 15 cents per hour, effective April 20, 1959.

A request by the Highway Department for seven paid holidays per year was recently received and will be included in the Warrant for your consideration.

The Board of Health experienced some difficulties with trailer camps in town in 1959 but at the present time everything seems to be in order.

Three dwellings were posted as unfit for habitation early in the year.



Tax collections have been very good in 1959 and our new collector deserves commendation for his extra efforts which made the collections possible.

The Tyler house has not as yet been sold.

Maps of our town have been ordered from the Department of Commerce for use by the Assessors and Selectmen.

We are proud to say that Charlemont Town Report for 1958 has received awards from the County and State Selectmen's Association for its excellence in appearance and content. Much credit for the same is due Winston Healy.

A loan was arranged with the Shelburne Falls National Bank, at a minimum of interest, in June, to provide funds in anticipation of reimbursement by the State, for current business of the town.

The Board approved the erection of two signs for the Tower Ranch and one sign for the Yankee Atomic plant on Route 2 in 1959. All three signs also must be approved by the State Outdoor Advertising Authority and in accordance with rules of the Authority.

At the fairgrounds Mr. Shukis was given permission to remove the earth backstop formerly used as a rifle range. It was our understanding that marksmen from out of town were endangering workmen in the gravel pit with their rifle fire.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all who helped to make our annual Christmas Party again such a success, under the chairmanship of Horace E. Warfield.

The owner of the Bridge Lunch has called out attention to the dangerous intersection at Routes 8A and 2 near the long bridge. We have written to the State Department of Public Works about the hazard and reported the two accidents there in 1959.

There were two special town meetings in 1959 and reports of the action taken will be found later in this book.

The "Free Cash in the Treasury" as of Jan. 1, 1959 was \$14, 186.58. The auditors are not yet here and we do not know the "Free Cash" figure for January 1, 1960.

There were eight transfers from the Reserve Fund, totaling \$1,817.97, with the approval of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE E. WARFIELD

WILLIAM D. PIERSON

SHERMAN T. PIKE

*Board of Selectmen*

# Annual Report of the School Committee

## PERSONNEL

Gerald T. Raymond, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires 1962
Emma B. Vincent, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1961
W. Payson Stafford	Term Expires 1960
Wilson L. Tilley	Superintendent

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>First Winter Term</b> Opens January 4, 1960	Closes February 19, 1960
<b>Second Winter Term</b> Opens February 29, 1960	Closes April 14, 1960
<b>Spring Term</b> Opens April 25, 1960	(Elem) Closes June 17, 1960 (High) Closes June 24, 1960
<b>Fall Term</b>	Opens September 7, 1960

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Good Friday	April 15, 1960
Columbus Day	October 12, 1960
Teachers' Convention (Tentative)	October 19, 1960
Teachers' Visiting Day (Tentative)	October 26, 1960
Veterans' Day	November 11, 1960
Thanksgiving Day	Closes noon November 23, 1960
Christmas Holidays	Closes December 23, 1960



# Report of the Superintendent of Schools

It is my pleasure to submit herewith my fourth annual report.

My three previous reports should serve to explain much of my educational philosophy and policy. They also point to general problems and recommended solutions. Much of what was presented bears repeating, but I would prefer to confine any remarks to current developments and suggest reviewing earlier reports to those who are interested.

The high school staff has been working the past few weeks in preparation for an evaluation of the high school this spring. I refer you to the principal's report for further details. This should be of interest to the parents of regional pupils as well as those in high school because grades seven and eight are included in this study. Also, some of the standards reflected in such a study could possibly be applied to the grades in the regional elementary school since they are all under one administration. A similar study of the elementary program in the future might prove to be informative as well as interesting.

Earlier this year the entering school age was raised to six years on or before September 1 of the year of entrance. The primary purpose of this is to bring the maturity of Grade 1 nearer to the point at which the average child can experience success in reading. It has been found that a majority of those children who experience difficulty in school have entered at an early age.

With the approval of the Hawlemont Regional School Committee, the town of Heath voted on a proposal to join the elementary school district at the annual town meeting last February. The article was defeated and no further action is contemplated at this time.

In April, Mrs. Ann E. Doyle was appointed to succeed Deane Carter as District Treasurer. Mr. Carter's many years of faithful service were greatly appreciated.

Due to increased costs of operation and decreases in commodities from the State Department, it was necessary to increase the price of the school lunch to 25c. Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Stafford are to be commended for the fine meals served at a nominal fee.

All school committees voted to participate in the National Defense Education Act (PL 85-864). This law allocated federal funds to school committees on a matching basis to improve their program of instruction. Since there are no schools in Hawley, the school committee has allocated their funds to Hawlemont Regional School.

Major repairs to the Hawlemont school have been limited to those made by the bonding company to the roof skylights and replacement of the lobby doors which had deteriorated due to being exposed to the weather. Other repairs have been of a minor nature.

Similar minor repairs have been made in the high school building. New light fixtures were installed in the main room and have improved the room considerably. As I have said before, the decision on extensive major repairs has been postponed, but this decision becomes more difficult each year as annual wear and tear takes its toll.

Three new members of the high school faculty began their service with us when school opened in September. Mr. Arthur Perrone was added to the staff and is teaching social studies. Miss Camille Sergi was added to the staff and is teaching social studies, Miss Camille Sergi replaces Mrs. Lucille Dolgin in the commercial subjects, and Mrs. Dorothy Adams is replacing Mrs. Kathleen Upton in the language department.

During my years of service in Charlemont, I have appreciated the support and cooperation which most citizens have shown especially in view of the increase in school costs. For those who might question these increases, I would like to say that I honestly feel the community is receiving more for their school tax dollar than ever before. I know that a flat statement such as this should be substantiated and would be glad to attempt to do so at public meetings for this purpose. In the absence of a P.T.A. perhaps a similar group could meet informally if enough interest is registered!

In conclusion, I would like to thank the citizens, staff and school committee members who have helped to make this past year a successful and enjoyable one for me. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite parents or citizens to call on me if I can be of any service to them.

Respectfully submitted,

WILSON L. TILLEY

*Superintendent of Schools*

# Report of the Principal

I hereby submit my fourth annual report as Principal of Charlemont High and Hawlemont Regional Schools.

The school committee, administrators, and staff of Charlemont High School are working on an Evaluation of Charlemont High School. The Evaluation consists of two parts: (1) A Self-Evaluation of the school by the school committee, administrators, and staff; and (2) an Evaluation of the school by a visiting committee from the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. (N.E.A.C. & S. S.)

The Evaluation is an examination of close scrutiny of all the aspects of the educational program at the secondary school level in Charlemont. The Evaluation seeks to answer questions such as — Does the school meet the educational needs of the youth of Charlemont? Is the educational program adequate? How comprehensive is the Mathematics Program? Are the instructional materials adequate? How well is each subject area being taught? Are there enough subjects being taught? Is the building being used to its greatest advantage? Does the staff and administration offer educational leaderships? How are the school finances organized and managed? What guidance services are offered to the students? Does the school have a large enough library? Are the reference materials complete and up-to-date? Do the pupils participate in school government? What extra-curricular activities are available to the students? How many students participate in school activities? Are the staff members well prepared to teach in the areas in which they are teaching? These questions and many others must be answered during the Evaluation.

The staff goes through the entire educational program first and then the visiting committee of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools goes over the educational program and either agrees or disagrees with the local staff. Both the local staff and the visiting committee will make commendations and recommendations concerning Charlemont High Schools Educational Program.

A philosophy which reflects the purposes and responsibilities of Charlemont High School has been composed by the staff of the school.

## CHARLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

### I. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

We believe that the school should fulfill two main objectives:

1. To provide to all students a broad or liberal education for citizenship in a democracy;



2. to specifically prepare some students for entrance to colleges or commercial schools, and to encourage others to seek vocational education after high school.

By "broad or liberal education" we mean extensive knowledge and skills in several fields, embracing education of the mind, of the body, and of the character and personality. To these ends, our course of study requires every student to take and pass eleven subjects (four years of English, four years of social studies, two years of science, and one year of math.); our emphases beyond basic information or skill include: 1. the development of the ability to make rational judgments based on accurate information, 2. the cultivation of honesty, integrity, personal responsibility, and self-discipline, 3. the promotion of respect for work, skill in performing, and the will to carry tasks through to completion, 4. to stimulate a desire for continued learning throughout life; and our daily schedule and school activities calendar are so arranged that every student may take physical education, any student may take music and art, and all students may participate in extra-curricula sports, in class dances, or other activities which further development of the social graces and cultural tastes.

By "specific education" we mean the offering of courses, guidance, training, and tests designed to determine or develop individual abilities, and to prepare for entrance after high school to colleges, junior colleges, commercial schools, or other vocational institutions. Such courses and training include advanced math. and science, mechanical drawing, three years of French, shorthand, typing, and office practice. The guidance involves the recognition of individual differences and the effort to keep individual learning close to maximum speed according to potential.

## II. LEARNING CLIMATE

As a means of accomplishing the general objectives, we believe that the school should promote a favorable learning climate by seeking to maintain an attractive physical plant, by nurturing harmonious relationships among personnel based on mutual respect and appreciation, and by fostering good public relations.

Note that our objectives do not include vocational education because of limited plant and staff. The town provides tuition and costs of transportation to pupils taking vocational courses in other schools.

The Self-Evaluation will be completed by March 1, 1960 and the visiting committee of the Association is scheduled to visit the school on March 9, 10, and 11, 1960. The visiting committee will be composed of administrators and teachers from N.E.A.C. & S.S. member schools and a member of the Massachusetts State Department of Education.

Charlemont High School is a member in good standing in the Association. The high school joined the N.E.A.C. & S.S. in December 1955 and must be evaluated by a visiting committee of the Association before 1965 to remain a member.

The primary purpose of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is to "upgrade the entire program of high-school education in New England." To achieve this purpose the Association has set up an Evaluation Program for all member and prospective member schools. The aims of the Evaluation Program are: (1) to determine the characteristics of a good secondary school, (2) to evaluate the effectiveness of a school in terms of its objectives, (3) to determine the means and processes by which a good school develops into a better one, and (4) to stimulate and assist secondary schools to continuous growth.

Membership in the N.E.A.C. & S.S. is of importance to the school not only for stimulation of professional improvement but for accrediting purposes. When graduates of Charlemont apply to colleges for admission, the colleges want to know if the high school belongs to any accrediting association. Most Colleges have no way of knowing what one secondary school stands for unless that secondary school belongs to an association that represents high standards of education. Applicants from accredited schools have preference over applicants from schools that are not accredited by any association. The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is known not only in New England but also throughout the country. Accreditation is even more important when you remember that over 60 percent of Charlemont High School graduates go on to higher schools of learning.

It is a pleasure to work in a town where the school committee, Superintendent, faculty, parents and students are so cooperative and interested in a good educational program.

Respectfully subitted,

ROBERT H. JACKMAN

*Principal*

## GRADUATING PROGRAM

### CLASS MOTTO

Diligence Is The Mother Of Good Luck — *Benjamin Franklin*

### CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

### CLASS FLOWER

Blue and White Carnation

### CLASS OFFICERS

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

John A. Streeter  
Agnes M. Stafford  
Richard W. Burnett  
Mary A. Lively

### CLASS ROLL

Audrey A. Atkins  
Richard W. Burnett  
William E. Crowningshield  
Elizabeth A. Fitzroy  
Mary A. Lively

Leland L. Sherman  
\*Agnes M. Stafford  
John A. Streeter  
Joan I. Tetreault

*\*Pro Merito*

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Gerald T. Raymond  
Mr. William P. Stafford  
Mrs. Leslie F. Vincent

### FACULTY

Wilson T. Tilley, *Supt.*  
Robert H. Jackman, *Prin.*  
Mrs. Irving S. Dolgin  
Mrs. Charles C. Gray  
Mrs. Edward R. Harris, Jr.  
Mrs. Clayburn C. Rich  
Mrs. Donald T. Upton  
Mr. Leonard Yarrows  
Mrs. Caroline Dorst

Accompanist  
Marshal

David L. Rich, *President Class of 1960*

## GRADUATION PROGRAM

Processional

Invocation

Salutatory Address

Class History

Class Will

Class Prophecy

Commencement Address—"The Conservation of Human Resources"

Charles H. McCann, *Director*  
*North Adams Vocational Program*  
*North Adams, Massachusetts*

Reverend Walter G. Hillis

Joan I. Tetreault

John A. Streeter—Richard W. Burnett

Leland L. Sherman—Mary A. Lively

Audrey A. Atkins

## SONGS

"Sumer is acumen in"	13th century English Canon
"Mighty Cedars"—chorale from Cantata—150	J. S. Bach
"Dear Land of Home"—from "Findlandia" (words by C. F. M.)	Jean Sibelius
Theme from Borodin (Stranger in Paradise)	Wright and Forrest
"Recessional"—Kipling Accompaniments by Gary McKinstry—Cathy Doyle	Gower
Presentation of Class Gift	Elizabeth A. Fitzroy
Dedication of Yearbook	William E. Crowningshield
Valedictory Address	Agnes M. Stafford
Presentation of Awards	
American Legion	Patrick J. Coyne Post No. 171
School Awards	Robert H. Jackman, Principal
Presentation of Diplomas	Wilson L. Tilley, Supt.
Class Song	
Benediction	Reverend James J. Moylan
Recessional	
Receiving Line	

## CHARLEMONT PUPILS

### MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1959

Boys and Girls										Age											
Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Totals		
Opp.				1		1		1											3		
1		1	16	2															19		
2			3	12		1													16		
3				3	16	1	1												21		
4					6	13	6	3											28		
5						3	7	5											15		
6							2	10	5		2								19		
7								4	12	5		1							22		
8									1	6	1	1							9		
9										3	7	2	1	1					14		
10											4	12	3		1				20		
11													6						6		
12													2	13	3	1		1	20		
13																					
Subn.																					
Ungrd.																					
Total		1	19	18	22	19	16	23	18	14	14	16	12	14	4	1		1	212		



# REPORT OF HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Helen Stiles, <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1960
Gerald T. Raymond, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1962
Gertrude L. Ogden, <i>Secretary</i>	Term Expires 1962
Emma B. Vincent	Term Expires 1961
W. Payson Stafford	Term Expires 1960
Clayburn C. Rich	Term Expires 1961

## METHOD OF ASSESSMENT OF THE 1959 HAWLEMONT REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET

### Operation-Maintenance

1. The agreement stipulates that this portion of the budget is determined on a per-pupil basis by using the enrollment in the Regional District from each member town as of October 1st of the preceding year.
2. On October 1, 1958, there were 46 children from Hawley and 144 children from Charlemont attending this school.
3. Therefore, the operational percentage for Hawley is 24.21% and 75.79% for Charlemont.
4. Estimated Reimbursement of \$18,000.00 for 1959 and a balance of \$870.52 for the 1957 appropriation was deducted from the 1959 appropriation, making the sum to be assessed to both towns \$60,669.48.
5. Therefore, operation-maintenance cost to both towns is as follows:

Charlemont	\$45,981.40	
Hawley	\$14,688.08	
		\$60,669.48

### Debt and Interest

1. The agreement stipulates that Hawley pay 21% and Charlemont 79% of this cost. Each year this amount will decrease and for 1959 it was \$21,187.50. This was a decrease of \$550.00 over 1958's payment. State reimbursements on the cost of the building was \$8,967.60 which made the share to each town as follows:

Charlemont	\$1,653.72	
Hawley	2,566.18	
		\$12,219.90

### Total Cost to Both Towns

	Charlemont	Hawley
Operation-Maintenance	\$45,981.40	\$14,688.08
Debt & Interest	9,653.72	2,566.18
Combined Assessment	\$55,635.12	\$17,254.26

## CREDITS FOR THE YEAR 1959

Town Expenditure, High School	\$ 38,508.00	
Town Appropriation, Regional Operation	45,981.40	
Town Appropriation, Regional Capital	9,653.72	
	<hr/>	\$ 94,143.12
GROSS COST TO TOWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS		\$ 94,143.12

### Estimated Reimbursements:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Chapter 70, General School Fund	\$ 15,025.82
Supt's Salary & Travel	2,053.32
Transportation	2,361.20
Division of Child Guardianship	809.34
Vocational Transportation & Tuition	233.00
PL 85-864	5.28

### Tuition

Town of Rowe	\$ 1,700.00
Town of Savoy	400.00
Town of Heath	2,160.00
Town of Hawley	3,200.00
Stephen Leonard School Fund Interest	87.76
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TOTAL RECEIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN LOCAL TAX	<hr/>	\$ 28,095.72
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NET COST TO TOWN FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS		\$ 66,047.40
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## HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL

### TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1959, cash on hand	\$ 35,267.46*
Received:	
Town of Charlemont, budget	55,635.12
Town of Hawley, budget	17,254.26
Town of Rowe, tuition	2,960.00
Town of Rowe, office rent	50.00
Town of Heath, tuition	1,200.00
Town of Heath, office rent	50.00

State Treasurer, payment on:		
Approved School Construction	8,967.60	
School Transportation	15,706.84	
Special Class	1,803.58	
Testing	14.25	
Cafeteria Funds	13,093.52	
Income Tax, Retirement & Blue Cross		
Deductions	7,612.49	
Boston University, reimbursement for		
Workshop expenses	26.00	
Refund, duplicate check	25.84	
	<hr/>	\$ 159,666.96

**Paid:**

Operation Warrants	\$ 83,299.37
Debt & Interest Warrants	21,187.50
Cafeteria Warrants	13,667.33
Available Funds:	
Cafeteria Account	412.48
Franklin County Retirement System	57.74
Federal Withholding Taxes	1,042.40
Massachusetts Withholding Taxes	164.38
School Account	39,835.76
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\$159,666.96

\*Adjusted by State Auditors

ANN E. DOYLE

*Treasurer*

# CHART OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL — TEACHERS

## REGIONAL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Position	Experience	Professional Training
WILSON L. TILLEY	Superintendent	10 years	B. S. Northeastern University M. Ed. Boston University
ROBERT H. JACKMAN	Principal-Teacher	8 years	University of Massachusetts B. S. Northeastern University M. Ed. Boston University
FRANCES A. GRAY	Cr. 8-12 English	13 years	University of Massachusetts B. S. Boston University School of Chinese Stud., Peiping, China
ELIZABETH HARRIS	U. S. History, Civics Gr. 7-8 Social Studies & Science	22 years	B. A. Alfred University Columbia University Hofstra College
DOROTHY ADAMS	English-French	1 year	B. A. MacMurray College M. A. Columbia University Teachers' College
ARTHUR S. PERRONE	Social Studies	4 years	B. A. American International College, University of Hartford
LEONARD A. YARROWS	Gr. 9-12 Math & Science	3 years	B. S. University of Massachusetts
CAMILLE M. SERGI	Commercial Studies	1 year	Salem State Teachers' College
WINIFRED D. LOONEY	Grade 6	13 years	Framingham Normal School

THELMA PURINTON

GLADYS CLARK

B. CONSTANCE POLLARD

HAZEL N. RICHMOND

VERNA TAYLOR

GRACE RAYMOND

CAROLINE DORST

BEDA LANGEVIN

JEANETTE RICH

Grade 5

Grade 4

Grade 3

Grade 2

Grade 1

Opportunity Class

Music Supervisor

Lip Reading & Speech Therapy

Art Supervisor

North Adams Normal School

Aroostook State Normal School

North Adams Normal School

North Adams Normal School

Fitchburg State Teachers' College

Fitchburg Normal School

A. B. Middlebury College

B. S. University of New

Hampshire, Clarke School for Deaf

B. S. Massachusetts School of Art

16 years

19 years

27 years

15 years

6 years

9 years

4 years

21 years

17 years

## NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL

Ann E. Doyle

Mary Lou Gift

Will C. Turner

Charles Purinton

Gertrude Maynard

Grace Stafford

Dorothy Morehouse, R. N.

Samuel J. Galbo, M.D.

Horace Warfield

Resigned, Secretary

Secretary

School Custodian—Charlemont High School

School Custodian—Hawlemont Regional School

Cafeteria Manager

Cafeteria Assistant

School Nurse

School Doctor

Attendance Officer



# CHARLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

## Disbursement of 1959 Funds and Budget for 1960

	1959 Appropriation	1959 Expenditures	1959 App.
<b>GENERAL CONTROL:</b>			
School Committee Expense.....	\$ 200.00	\$ 207.12	\$ 210.00
Superintendent's Salary.....	1,320.00	1,301.69	1,400.00
Superintendent's Other Expense.....	1,002.00	1,028.88	1,102.00
	<hr/> 2,522.00	<hr/> 2,537.69	<hr/> 2,712.00
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>			
Principal .....	4,910.00	4,912.62	5,225.00
Teachers.....	15,042.00	14,594.08	17,720.00
Supervisors .....	1,156.00	1,135.97	1,270.00
Substitutes.....	200.00	228.00	275.00
Staff Expense .....	235.00	201.89	235.00
Books .....	700.00	748.43	800.00
Supplies .....	660.00	646.79	810.00
	<hr/> \$ 22,903.00	<hr/> \$ 22,467.78	<hr/> \$ 26,335.00
<b>OPERATION:</b>			
Janitor Service .....	3,550.00	3,616.58	3,600.00
Fuel .....	800.00	656.38	800.00
Miscellaneous .....	585.00	644.10	720.00
	<hr/> 4,935.00	<hr/> 4,917.06	<hr/> 5,120.00
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>			
Repairs & Replacements .....	1,500.00	1,081.56	1,505.00
<b>AUXILIARY:</b>			
Health .....	40.00	25.90	55.00
Transportation.....	3,360.00	2,861.18	3,753.00
Vocational .....	1,270.00	946.10	2,430.00
Physical Education .....	1,175.00	1,105.45	1,200.00
Driver Education.....	175.00	218.17	200.00
Insurance.....	280.00	153.25	240.00
Miscellaneous .....	150.00	69.54	650.00
	<hr/> 6,450.00	<hr/> 5,379.59	<hr/> 8,528.00
<b>OUTLAY:</b>			
New Equipment.....	1,645.00	1,984.82	2,122.85
Yards & Grounds .....	200.00	139.50	400.00
	<hr/> 1,845.00	<hr/> 2,124.32	<hr/> 2,522.85
<b>TOTALS</b>	<hr/> \$ 40,155.00	<hr/> \$ 38,508.00	<hr/> \$ 46,722.85

# HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL

## Disbursement of 1959 Funds and Budget for 1960

	1959 Approp.	1959 Expend.	1960 Approp.
<b>GENERAL CONTROL:</b>			
School Committee Expense .....	\$ 490.00	\$ 302.31	\$ 659.00
Superintendent's Salary .....	3,360.00	3,313.31	3,500.00
Superintendent's Other Expense .....	1,349.00	1,359.96	1,464.00
	<hr/> 5,199.00	<hr/> 4,975.58	<hr/> 5,623.00
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>			
Principal .....	1,610.00	1,612.44	1,875.00
Teachers.....	36,900.00	36,875.95	40,355.00
Supervisors .....	3,005.00	2,909.15	3,188.00
Substitutes.....	350.00	378.00	500.00
Staff Expenses .....	200.00	65.21	250.00
Books .....	1,080.00	1,159.08	1,360.00
Supplies.....	980.00	1,216.05	1,66.00
Physical Handicapped.....			570.00
	<hr/> 44,125.00	<hr/> 44,198.18	<hr/> 49,758.00
<b>OPERATION:</b>			
Janitor Service .....	3,750.00	3,747.80	4,050.00
Fuel .....	2,800.00	2,744.07	2,800.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,700.00	1,895.96	2,200.00
	<hr/> 8,250.00	<hr/> 8,387.83	<hr/> 9,050.00
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>			
Repairs & Replacements.....	1,026.00	1,341.34	1,586.00
<b>AUXILIARY:</b>			
Health .....	225.00	248.10	240.00
Transportation.....	16,950.00	15,879.23	18,000.00
Tuition .....	500.00	33.72	
Physical Education .....	460.00	344.35	460.00
Miscellaneous .....	1,115.00	936.57	1,415.00
	<hr/> 19,250.00	<hr/> 17,441.97	<hr/> 20,115.00
<b>OUTLAY:</b>			
New Equipment .....	1,490.00	1,199.53	2,471.00
Yards & Grounds .....	200.00	139.50	400.00
	<hr/> 1,690.00	<hr/> 1,339.03	<hr/> 2,871.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<hr/> \$ 79,540.00	<hr/> \$ 77,683.93	<hr/> \$89,003.00



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT NURSE 1959

"It's good to be rich in worldly wealth  
but more precious by far is the gift of Health"

The Western Franklin Public Health District of Charlemont, Hawley, Heath and Rowe offers a generalized health service to folks of all ages. The total number of visits this year was 1256.

Nursing visits are made under the family doctor's orders except for First Aid or in an emergency.

The school nursing program is a busy one. This includes physical examination by the school doctors, vision tests, weighing & measuring, throat or skin checks for signs of contagious diseases and hearing tests by Mrs. Beda Langevin. For First Aid, to check a questionable condition or to take a sick child home all teachers know the nurse is available. At the Hawlemont School 304 were given care in the Health Room since Sept. 1959.

Physical examinations found no serious defects. Hard wax in the ear canal, low arches & the ever present need for dental care was noticeable. Any new defects are reported to the parents. More dental certificates, showing 100% care by the dentist, are coming in. It's wonderful! We want more! Regular burshing really helps to cut down decay.

Once more a thank you to parents keeping a pupil home with a fresh "cold". More than one class room has had half of the children coughing. How it does spread. Vitamin A & D capusles are available. They do help toward better health.

Contagious diseases were higher. Known were: Charlemont, scarlet fever 9 in Jan. & 2 in Nov.—Mumps 5—chicken pox 2 and measles 1. Hawley had chicken pox 1, Heath chicken pox 10 and Rowe scarlet fever 3—chicken pox 1.

"Pink eye" spread quickly in the Heath School. From the first, we tried hard to check it—but it came back several times. In all schools, pupils with pink or discharging eyes must not come to school. Care is needed at home & the spread to others is rapid.

In a Diabetic Finding Program, a urine check for sugar was done in our school union. Three suspicious cases went to the family doctor—no diabetes. For adults, a testing place & time was given for each town—no diabetes. We never know—it was still worth while.

Due to the great danger of suffocation, when children play with plastic bags, a talk was given in all the schools. It was explained how the bag can kill and that no child must have one. Along with this warning we must always bear in mind the dangers of discarded refrigerators. Also watch your automatic driers. Children have been known to climb in them and suffocate.

A Mantoux test (skin test for TB) was given, at the Franklin County Hospital, to 12 High School student cafeteria workers. All had a negative reaction.

Last Spring the Mass. State Dept. of Health warned of the danger of Polio for all persons under 40 not having had 3 shots of Polio Vaccine. From my lists, the mothers of those not completing this series were contacted. Folks under 40—have you all had yours? In May of 1960, we plan another Polio clinic for school & preschool children—the 4th shot. However, any child may have one shot, whether it be the 4th or less. Mothers will be notified of this clinic. This added dose will give more protection for next fall's Polio season. You're wise if you immunize!

At the annual Well Child Conference Dr. M. B. Low gave each child a thorough physical examination & discussed the child's health with the mother. Mrs. George Coombs was the nutritionist for several towns and Mrs. Robert McIntosh, Jr. the dental hygienist in others. Abnormal conditions were referred to the family doctor for care. The number of little tots attending were: Charlemont 66—Hawley 19—Heath 27 and Rowe 13. 'Tis a happy mother when Dr. Low says, "Well child".

Visits were made to new borns, infants and preschool children to aid in maintaining good health.

For a healthy happy time went 2 boys and 2 girls to Health Camp—all were from Charlemont.

We were grateful for the contribution from individuals & organizations. Such assistance has been of great help in emergencies.

The District deeply appreciates the willing cooperation of the many volunteers in the community, without whose help the program could not have been carried on.

Respectfully submitted

DOROTHY MOREHOUSE, R. N.

*District Nurse*

## 1959 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARLEMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your fire department under Chief Frank Wells has just completed a very busy, satisfying and fruitful year, one in which we believe our departmental work and community projects has proved beneficial to our own members, the people of Charlemont, and our friends in surrounding communities.

Throughout the year we answered calls to 26 fires: 20 local and 6 out of town.

The officers elected for the year included Deputy Chief Kenneth Henderson, president; and Raymond Willis, secretary-treasurer. Four new members were added to the department during the year, bringing the total membership to thirty-one.

Our one big goal this year was realized with the purchase of a resuscitator. Our campaign was successful only because of the most gratifying response from the many individuals and organizations. The resuscitator is kept at the fire station and is available for immediate emergency use at all times. All firemen have received instruction on its use, and anyone else interested in instruction may have it by contacting Chief Wells. To supplement the resuscitator, the department is ordering an oxygen regulator with its related equipment for the administration of oxygen.

Our annual banquet in April combined an excellent meal, prepared and served by the Legion Auxiliary, and an informative film and talk by Sgt. James Marshall, commander of the Shelburne Falls State Police barracks. Members of our own and neighboring departments and many guests enjoyed a fine evening.

New equipment purchased included battery chargers which keep the truck batteries charged constantly and automatically disengage as the trucks roll out of the station; fender loud speakers to which radio equipment can be connected; and a new pump which supplies stream or pond water to the trucks, which in turn, direct the water to the fire.

Coach Joseph Kolnacki guided the Little Leaguers to another successful season. His fine coaching and training of the boys deserves the praise of the entire community. The team's tag day and game collections raised funds to cover the cost of insurance and equipment.

As in past years the fire department sponsored the Yankee Doodle Days dance, held this year in the Hawlemont gymnasium because of poor weather. For next year plans call for leveling and re-seeding a portion of the fairgrounds, and dancing there, so as to relieve the crowded condition at Bissell Bridge.

At present all members of the department are engaged in a project of measuring the exact distance from all residences to the nearest water supply. This will give us vital information as to the length of hose needed, drop to the water supply, and condition of the water supply at all seasons of the year.

This report would not be complete without expressing the thanks of all our members to all Charlemont for the splendid support and cooperation given to your volunteer fire department during the year just completed.

Respectfully submitted,  
RAYMOND C. WILLIS  
*Secretary*



## REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Selectmen and the people of the Town of Charlemont I submit the annual report as Chief of Police of the Town of Charlemont.

During the year I have investigated or assisted the State Police in the investigation of 7 auto accidents. Five summonses were served for other police departments. Twenty six calls were received and investigated.

I have been notified that there were seventeen operators licenses suspended and one revoked during the year. I have issued and signed eleven motor vehicle transfers. I have fingerprinted and processed sixteen pistol permits also one gunsmith and one gun dealers license.

Twenty three arrests were made this year

<i>Cause of arrest</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Operating to Endanger	2	
Drunkeness	8	1
Operating under Influence		1
Operating without License	1	
Operating after suspension of License	1	
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1	
Lewd person Speech & Behavior	1	
Kidnapping		1
Carrying Loaded gun on Hwy. not hunting	2	
Vagrancy	1	
Insane person	1	
Violation of Probation	1	
Failing to Keep to the right		1
The following Summonses were issued for motor vehicle violation:		
Passing with view obstructed	3	
Operating without License	1	
Speeding	8	
Failing to Keep to the right	2	
Operating to Endanger	4	
Failing to use caution Art. 4, Sect. 9	1	

Last fall six members of the department and two constables had the privilege of taking a police course given by Captain Grogan of the Greenfield Police Department at Shelburne Falls. Three members are now in the process of taking the advanced first Aid course at Buckland.

The financial report of the Department will be found on a separate page of this report.

Again I must express my thanks to the personnel of the Shelburne State Police for the help they have given me this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

CYRUS C. ANNEAR, SR.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

A summer reading program for children such as was sponsored last year by the library trustees, was considered for 1959. It was decided not enough interest was shown to warrant a repetition.

Two trustees, with the librarian, attended the spring meeting of the Connecticut Valley Library Association held at Griswold Memorial Library in Colrain.

The first yearbook supplementing the recently purchased set of Encyclopedia Americana has been received. Several replacements of worn out classics have been made during the past year. Books on practically any subject can be obtained on request through the facilities of the Regional Library Center.

The trustees are most disappointed that no disposition has been made of the Tyler building.

Details of disbursement of library funds will be found in the the Selectmen's and Treasurer's reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanton Kendrick  
Elsie Bissland  
Blanche Hunt

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT FOR 1959

The total circulation for the year was 15,933, from the library 11,572—those from the Bookmobile—4,361. Books added—237. We had gifts of books—from the Aldrich Family and Mrs. Verena Taylor.

State Reading Certificates—The following pupils of the Fifth Grade—Mrs. Thelma Purinton, teacher—were awarded certificates—Patty Lamore and Arley Mills were both awarded an Honor certificate—which means they have read at least 20 books—five of which were non fiction. Pupils receiving 5-book certificates — Patty Lamore 7, Arley Mills 4—Edward Racz 4; Roberta Stetson, Paula Rice, John Dean and Larry Parker each received two-; Peter Johnson, Larry Tower, Margaret Avery, Carline La Coss, Leland Gray—Sally Shumway and Harley Hunkler each received one five book certificate.

Library hours—Wednesday—from 2 till 5 P.M. Saturdays—2 till 5 and 7 till 9 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

PEARLE L. TANNER  
*Librarian*

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

During the year 1959, Memorial Park was the scene of many activities; especially "Yankee Doodle Days", which in the opinion of most was the best ever.

Also during the months of August and September, family gatherings were held, besides horse shows, trap shoots, etc.

Work Bees were held at different times to clear away the brush, etc. from the picnic area. New fire places have also been added by different organizations in town.

Money spent the past year was mainly for replacing fifty slates on the grandstand roof, caused by high winds.

We wish at this time to thank all those taking part in the trimming and cleaning of Memorial Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles L. Purenton

Harry F. Legate

Avis M. Churchill

## REPORT OF THE SANFORD FIFE FUND COMMITTEE

I hereby submit the annual report of income and disbursements under the Sanford Fife Fund for the calendar year 1959:

Fund Income Balance—December 31, 1958	\$ 3,833.46
Income 1959	1,875.58

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\$ 5,709.04

Disbursements 1959 (8 cases)	1,452.30
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\$ 4,256.74

Fund income Balance, Dec. 31, 1959	\$ 4,256.74
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The Fife Fund Committee appointed by the president of the Franklin County Public Hospital Board of Trustees consisted of the following members:

Horace E. Warfield, *Charlemont, Board of Selectmen*

Harry Purinton, *Charlemont, resident*

Richard T. Lyman, *Greenfield, President, F.C.P.H.*

Charles N. Stoddard, Jr. *Greenfield, Appointive Member*

Alexander McAliley, *Greenfield, Hospital Director*

The committee held three meetings. They were as follows—April 13, 1959, September 10, 1959, and October 16, 1959. On April 13, 1959 Richard T. Lyman was elected chairman. The business of the meetings (above disbursements) was duly handled. The committee remained on call for quarterly meetings if applications were pending action.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. STODDARD, JR.

*Secretary*

## REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE DISTRICT

The 15th annual report of the Western Franklin Veterans' Service District is submitted, herewith, for the information of the Towns concerned.

Requests for Service during 1959 totaled 904. Registrations for Selective Service numbered forty-one. Forty-one veterans applied for State or Veterans Administration Hospital or medical treatment. Two Hundred and thirty requests were received for photostatic copies and we made One Thousand Two hundred and Fifty-four prints. Applications for Non-service Disability pensions continue to increase as the veterans become disabled from age or infirmity. Applications were completed and copies made of vital records and evidence required by the Veterans Administration for Thirty-one cases for Veterans and Widows who are eligible.

Twenty-four new applications for assistance under the provisions of Chapter 115 were received during the year. Thirty-five families received assistance during the year under this law for a total expense of \$26,419.07. We now have a total of Nineteen active cases.

The total expense for administration of the District Office for the year was \$5,678.76. This amount was divided among the ten Towns, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 599, of the Acts of 1946, in proportion to their assessed valuation.

We are still fortunate in having a V. A. Contact Office at Greenfield with Mr. O'Neil in charge to advise and assist in Veterans Administration claims.

The interest and cooperation of the Town Representatives is very helpful and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT

*Director and Veterans' Agent*



## TRUSTEES OF EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL

To the Citizens of the Town of Charlemont:

Herewith is submitted the seventh annual report of the Trustees of the East Charlemont School.

At the annual meeting of the trustees it was recommended that \$75.00 be appropriated for the coming year for further repairs on the building, mainly to paint the outside shed and replace boards necessary.

During this past year the entrance hallway was scraped and re-decorated at the cost of \$30.00.

Electricity for the building costs \$18.00 per year. This plus the cost of redecorating hallway adds up to approximately the total amount appropriated for 1959.

All labor costs more and the electricity is more than in previous years so in order to continue to improve the building, we must have more money to do so.

Col. Carroll Adams has graciously offered to provide paint for the shed if we will do the labor, which we hope to do this coming year.

Many have used the building for meetings this past year. The East Charlemont Club meets there the last Friday of each month from September through May, and the Cackle Club the first Saturday of each month for the same period of time.

The Extension Service Group has met there also as has a group of Rug Hooking Ladies from Charlemont.

All have expressed gratitude in being able to use the building as a social gathering place and shown interest in improving surroundings and preservation of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

MABLE V. SEARS,

*Clerk*

## REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT

The case load has again dropped off in number at the end of the year. The cost figure does not lower and this due mostly to the following. A total of all categories shows 229 hospital days and 7 cases in nursing homes with a total cost of medicals at: hospitals \$4,136.59; nursing homes \$8,919.89; doctor's fees \$1,637.00; drugs \$2,299.54; dentists \$61.00; glasses \$195.50.

	OAA	ADC	DA	GR
Case load Jan 1, 1959	25	3	1	0
New cases	5	2	0	1
Cases closed	8	1	1	1
Case load Jan. 1, 1960	22	4	0	0
Burials				1

The following is a statistical analysis of the District's activities:

Number of applications taken	12
Number of home visits made	104
Number of office calls	26
Number of visits from State Area Representatives	17
Number of days Auditor at office	2
Number of Welfare Association Meetings attended	3
Number of Welfare conferences attended	1
Number of visits not classified as home visits	36
Number of Civilian Defence meetings attended	9

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation	\$ 25,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	526.82
Federal Grant Balance on 1-1-59	
Aid to Dependent Children	105.50
Disability Assistance	36.95
Old Age Assistance	402.87
Federal Grants Received 1959	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,958.00
Disability Assistance	498.00
Old Age Assistance	11,578.00
Cancelled Checks	
Town Account (3)	35.85
Federal Grant (3-OA)	47.05

Aid Granted		
Town Account		
Aid to Dependent Children	\$	2,698.32
Disability Assistance		443.62
Old Age Assistance		22,054.60
Old Age Assistance to other towns (2)		150.13
Welfare		216.00
Federal Grant		
Aid to Dependent Children		3,063.50
Disability Assistance		392.94
Old Age Assistance		12,027.92
Federal Grant Balance forward to 1-1-60		142.01
Disability Assistance		
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	\$ 41,189.04	\$ 41,189.04

### WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT BUDGET 1960

Salary— Agent .....	\$	3,750.00
Clergy .....		2,820.00
Treasurer .....		150.00
Telephone .....		150.00
Travel .....		260.00
Bonding Treasurer .....		20.00
Postage .....		200.00
Supplies .....		60.00
Miscellaneous Charges .....		125.00
Rent .....		300.00
Assessed share Franklin Co. Retirement .....		344.53
Medical Consultant .....	\$	100.00
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Total	\$	8,279.53

Voted at the December 1, 1959 meeting that the towns assessed share would be \$1578 and the same percentages were to be used as in 1959.

Charlemont	42%	\$	664.00
Hawley	12%		189.00
Heath	16%		252.00
Monroe	14%		221.00
Rowe	16%		252.00
Balance brought forward from 1959			854.43
Estimated amount to be received			
Federal		\$	3,700.00
State			2,500.00

# WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward from Dec. 31, 1958	\$1,400.28	
Town Appropriations:		
Charlemont	420.00	
Hawley	120.00	
Heath	160.00	
Monroe	140.00	
Rowe	160.00	
Federal Grant Administration		
District OAA	2,372.23	
District ADC	1,027.82	
District DA	392.86	
State Administration		
District OAA	1,610.54	
District ADC	685.21	
District DA	261.90	
District GR	95.01	
Withholding tax Federal	931.20	
County Retirement	322.44	
State Tax	37.20	
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	200.40	
Phyllis L. Heist, Agent	\$ 3,750.00	
Transportation	244.23	
Edith B. Lynch, Clerk	2,700.00	
Mary L. Carpenter, Treasurer	150.00	
Dr. Francis Carey, Medical Consultant	50.00	
Supplies & Communications	451.28	
Bond for Treasurer	20.00	
Town of Charlemont, rent	300.00	
Assessed share—Franklin County Retirement	326.01	
Withholding—Franklin County Retirement	322.44	
Federal tax	931.20	
State tax	37.20	
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	200.40	
Credit balance carried forward to Jan. 1, 1960	854.43	
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	\$ 10,337.19	\$ 10,337.19

Respectfully submitted,  
**PHYLLIS L. HEIST**  
*Agent*

I hereby certify the foregoing report to be a true statement of the financial transactions of the Western Franklin Welfare District for the year 1959.

Respectfully,  
**MARY L. CARPENTER**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

**WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC  
HEALTH DISTRICT**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Receipts:**

Balance brought forward January 1, 1959	\$ 545.59
Town of Charlemont	1,840.00
Town of Heath	920.00
Town of Rowe	920.00
Town of Hawley	930.00
Vitamin Capsules	30.50
Nursing Fees	180.90
Withholding	562.80
County Retirement	189.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	51.00
State Tax	30.96

Total	\$ 6,190.75
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**Disbursements:**

Nurse's Salary	\$ 3,780.00
Nurse's Mileage	396.86
Phone Service	48.00
Supplies	37.72
New England Tel. & Tel.	126.20
Office Rent	300.00
Treasurer's Salary	110.00
Treasurer's Bond	20.00
Withholding	562.80
State Tax	30.96
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	51.00
County Retirement	189.00
Doctor	50.00
Business Checks	3.54

Total	\$ 5,706.08
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Balance carried forward to 1960	\$ 484.67
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Respectfully submitted

**MARY L. CARPENTER**

*Assistant Treasurer*



# Tax Collectors Report

Taxes Collected from January 1, 1959 to March 9, 1959

1955 Real Estate.....	\$ 301.84
1955 Personal.....	26.40
1956 Motor Excise .....	10.89
1956 Real Estate.....	595.47
1956 Personal .....	27.60
1956 Poll .....	2.00
1957 Motor Excise.....	25.70
1957 Real Estate.....	870.97
1957 Personal.....	33.60
1957 Poll.....	4.00
1958 Farm Animal Excise .....	6.25
1958 Motor Excise .....	636.74
1958 Real Estate .....	2,588.67
1958 Personal .....	104.78
1958 Poll .....	20.00

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1959

1955 Personal Property	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	\$ 117.56
1955 Personal Property	Abated	.00
1955 Personal Property	Collected	73.56
1955 Personal Property	Outstanding	44.00
1955 Real Estate	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	112.42
1955 Real Estate	Abated	.00
1955 Real Estate	Collected	112.42
1955 Real Estate	Outstanding	.00
1956 Poll	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	4.00
1956 Poll	Abated	.00
1956 Poll	Collected	4.00
1956 Poll	Outstanding	.00
1956 Personal Property	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	580.75
1956 Personal Property	Abated	69.00
1956 Personal Property	Collected	511.75
1956 Personal Property	Outstanding	00
1956 Real Estate	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	408.48
1956 Real Estate	Abated	00
1956 Real Estate	Collected	408.48
1956 Real Estate	Outstanding	00
1956 Motor Excise .	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	538.28
1956 Motor Excise	Abated	217.39
1956 Motor Excise	Collected	239.24
1956 Motor Excise	Outstanding	81.65

1957 Poll	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	60.00
1957 Poll	Abated	10.00
1957 Poll	Collected	40.00
1957 Poll	Outstanding	10.00
1957 Personal Property	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	462.56
1957 Personal Property	Abated	15.40
1957 Personal Property	Collected	433.16
1957 Personal Property	Outstanding	14.00
1957 Real Estate	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	2,060.52
1957 Real Estate	Abated	00
1957 Real Estate	Collected	1,721.69
1957 Real Estate	Outstanding	338.83
1957 Motor Excise	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	1,773.03
1957 Motor Excise	Abated	218.88
1957 Motor Excise	Collected	1,069.47
1957 Motor Excise	Outstanding	484.68
1957 Farm Animal	Outstanding	10.50
Estate of Deceased Persons	Outstanding	368.8
1958 Poll	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	\$ 112.00
1958 Poll	Abated	8.00
1958 Poll	Collected	84.00
1958 Poll	Outstanding	20.00
1958 Personal Property	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	605.12
1958 Personal Property	Abated	6.20
1958 Personal Property	Collected	507.16
1958 Personal Property	Outstanding	91.76
1958 Real Estate	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	7,911.00
1958 Real Estate	Abated	00
1958 Real Estate	Collected	6,397.16
1958 Real Estate	Outstanding	1,513.84
1958 Motor Excise	Recommitted (Mar. 9, 1959)	1,964.51
1958 Motor Excise	Abated	71.30
1958 Motor Excise	Collected	1,238.61
1958 Motor Excise	Outstanding	654.60
1958 Farm Animal	Outstanding	28.01
1958 Motor Excise	Committed (Mar. 19, 1959)	20.57
1958 Motor Excise	Abated	00
1958 Motor Excise	Collected	20.57
1958 Motor Excise	Outstanding	00
1959 Poll	Committed (Apr. 1, 1959)	482.00
1959 Poll	Abated	16.00
1959 Poll	Collected	406.00
1959 Poll	Outstanding	60.00

1959 Personal Property	Committed (Apr. 8, 1959)	11,297.79
1959 Personal Property	Abated	22.05
1959 Personal Property	Collected	10,177.96
1959 Personal Property	Outstanding	1,097.78
1959 Real Estate	Committed (Apr. 8, 1959)	88,201.76
1959 Real Estate	Abated	1,706.77
1959 Real Estate	Collected	77,304.00
1959 Real Estate	Outstanding	9,190.99
1959 Motor Excise	Six Commitments	9,012.67
1959 Motor Excise	Abated	540.35
1959 Motor Excise	Collected	6,850.34
1959 Motor Excise	Outstanding	1,621.98
1959 Farm Animal	Committed (Apr. 8, 1959)	294.11
1959 Farm Animal	Abated	00
1959 Farm Animal	Collected	256.73
1959 Farm Animal	Outstanding	37.38
1959 Trailer Tax	Collected	479.00
1959 Interest	Collected	745.82

Respectfully submitted

RAYMOND C. WILLIS  
Collector of Taxes

## **REPORT OF THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

### **Snow Roads and Bridges**

During the year we have removed 78 inches of snow, using 2500 yards of sand, 40 tons of salt and chloride, in order to keep our winter roads in a passable condition.

In dollars this amounts to \$7000 plus \$550 overdraft, \$2500 of State Chapter 90 Maintenance and \$1400 of Chapter 81 allotment, also 25 tons of salt and chloride a donation by Stone and Webster, making a total of \$11,450.

### **Chapter 81**

The Chapter 81 roads have been scraped, drained and repaired during the year, the allocation will show the distribution of funds for each road.

For the permanent work we have been able to relocate a strip of road on the West Oxbow, widen and drain a bad section of Warfield Road, with the remainder of the money being spent on Legate Hill Road.

### **Chapter 90 Construction**

An additional half mile of the South River Road has been constructed and the 1958 and 1959 contracts were hard surfaced with three coats of asphalt and pea rock, which gives us approximately one mile more of hard top road.

### **Chapter 90 Maintenance**

Owing to the cut of \$3000 in this chapter it is very hard for us to keep our country roads up in shape. Practically all the money was spent in seal coating the Zoar, North Heath and Heath Roads.

Respectfully submitted

PAUL C. HEIST

*Road Superintendent*

## CHARLEMONT 1959

## CHAPTER 81 DISTRIBUTION

Road #	Road	Scrap. Gravel	Ledge	Drain	Brush	Patching Gravel	Surf. Treatment Oil	Widen	Grits	Perm.	Totals
1	Zoar			175.00	97.00	156.66		200.00		\$	628.66
2	Rowe			25.00	32.00	126.64					183.64
3	No. Heath			422.80	72.00	136.64		50.00			681.44
4	Vincent	100.00		45.00	6.00						151.00
5	Warner Hill # 1	45.00		81.50							126.50
6	Warner Hill # 2	295.00	100.00	76.00							471.00
9	Burrington	130.00	48.60	140.00	6.00	38.00		110.00			472.60
10	Center Heath			100.00					93.34		193.34
11	Mountain	355.00	25.00	110.00	17.00	95.00		10.00			612.00
12	Mt. Rd. Branch	35.00		10.00							45.00
13	So. Heath	75.00	37.00	20.00							132.00
14	Birchlane	20.00									20.00
15	Mine	5.00		10.00							15.00
16	Maxwell	253.95		141.00	17.00						411.95
17	Woods										
18	Hicks	60.00	37.00	30.00							127.00
19	Legate Hill	186.00	1008.70	125.00	17.00	77.65		10.00			1,424.35
20	Phipps	30.00		10.00							40.00
21	Laurel Lane	30.00		15.00							45.00
22	Potters	30.00		23.80							53.80
23	Tower	128.00		5.00	24.00	106.00		10.00			273.00
24	Ledge Lane	33.00	10.00	25.00							68.00
25	Todd Mt.	100.00									100.00
26	Cold River										
28	West Hawley			40.00	32.00	136.64					208.64
29	Chickley	30.00	10.00	10.00							50.00
30	So. Chickley	30.00	10.00	10.00							50.00
31	South River	227.00		151.00	22.00	20.00		10.00			430.00
32	Dodge Corner		10.00								10.00



33 East Hawley		454.27	12.00	44.39				510.66
34 Warfield	100.00	270.61		112.04				2,063.79
35 Colonial Hill				8.00	633.14	60.00	300.00	8.00
36 Riddell	60.00	135.00	20.00	25.00				250.00
37 High		150.00	40.00					190.00
38 Heath		86.00	17.00					103.00
39 Burnt Hill	175.00	70.00						245.00
40 West Oxbow	428.00	90.00	17.00		293.69		760.60	1,835.29
41 East Oxbow	175.00	70.00	5.00					250.00
42 River View				75.00				75.00
43 North River		86.00	75.00	20.00				181.00
44 Colrain	50.00	15.00	20.00	15.00				100.0
45 Johnson	50.00	15.00	10.00					75.00
46 South		25.00						25.00
47 East Harmony		65.00		25.00	160.00	100.00		350.00
48 North		30.00		20.00				50.00
49 Academy Lane		11.00						11.00
50 Elm		11.00						11.00
51 Mill Hollow	25.00							25.00
52 Harmony		30.00		50.00				80.00
53 Rice Fort		30.00		20.00				50.00
54 Park								
55 Factory	15.00							15.00
56 School		100.00						100.00
57 Hawks								
58 Rowe Branch								
59 Maple Terrace		25.00						25.00
60 Windy Hill								25.00
61 Hillandale		25.00						200.00
Culvert Reserve								1,397.34
Snow and Ice Control								
TOTALS	3035.95	1792.30		1307.66	1086.83	260.00	693.34	\$15,275.00
		3594.98						

# Town Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS

General cash in Treasury, January 1, 1959.....	\$ 51,046.72
Frank Legate, Cemetery Fund Interest.....	6.30
Stephen W. Hawkes, Cemetery Fund Interest.....	6.30
Philemon Rice, Cemetery Fund Interest.....	5.60
Potter Cemetery Fund Interest.....	31.49
Jennie & Lewis Sears, Cemetery Fund Interest.....	15.74
Sears, Mantor & Lyman, Cemetery Fund Interest.....	15.74
Fred W. Hawkes, Library Fund Interest.....	30.23
Wildcat Bounty.....	40.00
Borrowed Note.....	25,935.08
Kingsley Reunion, Use of Fairgrounds.....	10.00
Conn. & Deerfield Valley Pomona Grange — Use of Fairgrounds.....	10.00
Charlemont Lions Club for Christmas Fund.....	10.00
District Court Fines.....	50.00
Welfare District Postage.....	31.40
Advertising.....	19.66
Sealer's Fees.....	27.80
All Alcoholic Licenses.....	1,500.00
All Alcoholic Seasonal Licenses.....	700.00
Package Store Licenses.....	400.00
Plantation Club License.....	250.00
Wine and Malt Beverage License.....	200.00
All Other Licenses and Permits.....	171.50
Blue Cross—Blue Shield.....	692.00
Federal Withholding Tax.....	4,996.89
State Withholding Tax.....	300.70
County of Franklin, Retirement.....	806.26
County Treasurer, Refunds and Dog Licenses.....	562.17
Tyler Memorial Library Fund.....	306.56
Town Hall—Rent.....	603.00
Fire Department Receipts.....	149.13
Trailer Park Rental.....	521.00
State Treasurer, Com. Vets Services.....	964.62
State Treasurer, Meal Tax Distribution.....	951.73
State Treasurer, Live Stock Disease Control.....	37.50
State Treasurer, Income Tax.....	4,368.64
State Treasurer, Corporation Tax.....	5,298.61
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	\$101,072.37

## HIGHWAYS

State Treasurer, Chapter 90M.....	\$ 4,500.00
County Treasurer, Chapter 90M.....	2,000.00
State Treasurer, Chapter 90C.....	6,000.00
County Treasurer, Chapter 90C.....	3,000.00

State Treasurer, Chapter 81 .....	\$ 13,380.95	
State Treasurer, Bond Issue.....	2,302.69	
Machinery Earnings.....	9,509.59	
	<hr/>	\$ 40,693.23

## SCHOOLS

State Treasurer, Transportation.....	\$ 2,361.20	
State Treasurer, Vocational Education...	233.00	
State Treasurer, Division of Child Guardianship.....	809.34	
State Treasurer, School Aid Chapter, 70 ..	11,269.00	
State Treasurer, National Defense Education.....	5.28	
Town of Hawley, Tuition.....	3,200.00	
Town of Heath, Tuition.....	2,160.00	
Town of Rowe, Tuition.....	1,760.00	
Town of Savoy, Tuition.....	400.00	
Stephen Leonard School Fund Interest...	87.76	
High School Athletic Funds .....	1,479.35	
Northern Berkshire Vocational School Planning Board .....	5.13	
	<hr/>	\$ 28,051.88

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer, O.A.A. State.....	\$ 17,702.33	
State Treasurer, O.A.A. Federal.....	11,578.00	
State Treasurer, A.D.C. State.....	2,346.91	
State Treasurer, A.D.C. Federal.....	2,958.00	
State Treasurer, D.A. State.....	270.39	
State Treasurer, D.A. Federal.....	498.00	
State Treasurer, Welfare Transportation ..	12.00	
Town of Brookfield, O.A.A. ....	36.78	
Town of Deerfield, O.A.A.....	40.57	
Town of Rowe, O.A.A.....	194.24	
O.A.A. Check Refunds.....	53.85	
A.D.C. Refund.....	272.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 35,992.52

## TAXES

1955 Real Estate.....	\$ 414.26	
1955 Personal.....	99.96	
1956 Motor Excise.....	250.13	
1956 Real Estate.....	1,003.95	
1956 Personal.....	539.35	
1956 Poll.....	6.00	
1957 Motor Excise.....	1,090.46	
1957 Real Estate.....	2,592.66	
1957 Personal.....	466.76	

1957 Poll.....	\$ 44.00	
1958 Poll.....	104.00	
1958 Personal.....	611.94	
1958 Real Estate.....	8,985.83	
1958 Motor Excise.....	1,888.88	
1958 Farm Animal Excise.....	6.25	
1959 Poll.....	404.00	
1959 Personal.....	10,181.11	
1959 Real Estate.....	77,483.86	
1959 Motor Excise.....	7,174.36	
1959 Farm Animal Excise.....	256.73	
Interest .....	745.82	
Warrants.....	90.50	
Demands.....	208.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 114,649.41
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		\$ 320,459.41

## DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Warrants.....	\$ 216,545.43	
School Warrants.....	38,508.00	
Athletic Warrants .....	1,318.26	
General cash in Treasury, December 31, 1959	64,087.72	
	<hr/>	\$ 320,459.41

## TOWN FUNDS HELD BY TREASURER

Fred W. Hawkes Library Fund.....	\$ 1,000.00
Maxwell Library Fund.....	1,000.00
Tyler Memorial Library Fund.....	2,947.31
Stephen Leonard School Fund.....	2,869.00
Potter Cemetery Fund.....	1,000.00
Jennie Z. & Lewis Sears Cemetery Fund .	500.00
M. Mantor and J. Lyman Cemetery Fund	500.00
S. W. Hawkes Cemetery Fund .....	200.00
Frank M. Legate Cemetery Fund.....	200.00
Philomen Rice Cemetery Fund .....	185.74

Respectfully submitted,

BEDA A. LANGEVIN

*Treasurer*

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## TOWN EXPENDITURES

### SNOW, ROADS AND BRIDGES

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 7,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	537.15	
Superintendent .....		\$ 896.85
Labor Payroll.....		3,259.80
Town Equipment.....		1,851.00
Hired Equipment .....		10.00
Salt.....		504.20
Sand.....		885.00
Plank.....		117.55
Nails.....		12.75
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	\$ 7,537.15	\$ 7,537.15

### CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 2,350.00	
State Contract.....	12,925.00	
Superintendent.....		\$ 1,707.15
Labor Payroll.....		6,486.90
Town Equipment.....		3,341.54
Hired Equipment.....		1,178.30
Culverts.....		426.99
Grit.....		445.89
Gravel .....		227.40
Tar.....		1,365.49
Sand.....		47.45
Miscellaneous.....		47.89
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	\$ 15,275.00	\$ 15,275.00

### CHAPTER 90 — MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 3,000.00	
State Contract.....	2,000.00	
County Contract.....	2,000.00	
Superintendent.....		\$ 435.60
Labor Payroll.....		1,717.40
Town Equipment.....		1,142.74
Tar.....		2,201.68
Gravel.....		411.40
Lumber and Stakes.....		91.18
Credit Balance.....		1,000.00
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	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00

### CHAPTER 90 — MAINTENANCE

Special Grant from State.....	\$ 2,500.00	
Superintendent.....		\$ 290.40
Labor Payroll.....		1,048.80



Town Equipment.....		712.65
Sand.....		353.75
Salt.....		94.40
	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION — SOUTH RIVER ROAD

Town Appropriation (\$2,302.69 from Chapter 718).....	\$ 3,000.00	
State Contract.....	6,000.00	
County Contract.....	3,000.00	
Superintendent.....		\$ 608.40
Labor Payroll.....		2,341.20
Town Equipment.....		2,415.16
Hired Equipment.....		2,536.00
Culverts.....		718.40
Grit.....		750.69
Cement.....		14.50
Grade Stakes.....		5.55
Gravel.....		654.00
Tar.....		1,956.10
	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00

## TOWN DUMP

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 150.00	
Albert E. Maynard.....		\$ 115.00
Labor Payroll.....		6.00
Town Equipment.....		11.50
Credit balance.....		17.50
	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VACATIONS

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 400.00	
Superintendent.....		\$ 79.20
Labor Payroll.....		309.60
Credit Balance.....		11.20
	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00

## FAIRGROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 100.00	
Robert Pratt.....		\$ 70.00
Frank Kirchlechner.....		15.00
Nails.....		2.50
Slate.....		7.50
Credit balance.....		5.00
	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

**MACHINERY — NEW EQUIPMENT**

Town appropriation (from Machinery Fund).....	\$ 2,500.00	
Perkins Machinery Company, Inc.....		\$ 2,500.00
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	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

**MACHINERY**

Town Appropriation		
(From Road Machinery Fund) ..	\$ 5,500.00	
Town Appropriation		
(From Road Machinery Fund) ...	1,500.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Co.....		\$ 16.13
Christine Turner—rent.....		300.00
Gasoline.....		1,548.20
Oil.....		330.00
Diesel Fuel.....		178.21
Miscellaneous Parts.....		1,446.32
Miscellaneous Repairs.....		2,451.27
Lubrication.....		74.82
Tires and Tubes.....		366.63
Cross Chain.....		200.00
Kerosene.....		17.68
Anti-Freeze.....		43.20
Beda A. Langevin Insurance Agency.....		18.00
Credit balance.....		9.54
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	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00

**VETERANS' BENEFITS**

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 5,000.00	
Four Cases .....		\$ 3,105.04
Credit balance.....		1,894.96
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	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

**WESTERN FRANKLIN WELFARE DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION**

Town appropriation.....	\$ 420.00	
Western Franklin Welfare District .....		\$ 420.00
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	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00

**WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH  
NURSING SERVICE**

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 1,840.00	
Western Franklin Public Health District .....		\$ 1,840.00
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	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 1,840.00

## TOWN HALL

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 1,700.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	164.97	
Salary of Janitor .....		\$ 720.00
Northern Berkshire Electric Company ..		113.83
Charlemont Oil Company .....		866.94
Repairs .....		113.15
Supplies .....		41.05
Commissioner of Public Safety .....		10.00
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	\$ 1,864.97	\$ 1,864.97

## STREET LIGHTS

Town appropriation .....	\$ 1,170.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	265.44	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company ..		\$ 1,435.44
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	\$ 1,435.44	\$ 1,435.44

## OFFICERS' SALARIES

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 4,200.00	
Salary of Selectmen .....		\$ 900.00
Salary of Town Clerk .....		450.00
Salary of Town Treasurer .....		750.00
Salary of Tax Collector .....		600.00
Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures		75.00
Salary of Clerk Assessor .....		350.00
Salary of Two Assessors .....		500.00
Salary of Fire Chief .....		100.00
Moderator .....		10.00
Inspector of Animals .....		75.00
Inspector of Slaughtering .....		23.90
Dog Officer .....		15.00
Ballot Clerks and Tellers .....		40.00
Posting Town Meeting Warrants .....		6.00
Office Clerk—Beda A. Langevin .....		227.00
Credit balance .....		78.10
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	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 2,300.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	19.35	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company ..		\$ 35.15
Charlemont Oil Company .....		318.83
Labor Payroll .....		359.45
Equipment .....		807.58
Repairs .....		192.05

Lubrication.....	\$	28.80	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. ....		202.49	
Mrs. Earle K. Howes.....		365.00	
Tri-State Mutual Aid dues.....		10.00	
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	\$	2,319.35	\$ 2,319.35

### LEGION ROOMS

Town Appropriation.....	\$	240.00	
I.O.O.F. Union Lodge—rent.....			\$ 240.00
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	\$	240.00	\$ 240.00

### MEMORIAL DAY

Town Appropriation.....	\$	50.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund.....		9.20	
Flags.....			\$ 19.20
Wreaths.....			35.00
Richard Breen.....			5.00
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	\$	59.20	\$ 59.20

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Town appropriation.....	\$	300.00	
Franklin County Board of Health Assoc..			\$ 6.00
Dr. Merritt Low .....			150.00
Mrs. Vesta Coombs.....			52.20
Mrs. Roslyn McIntosh.....			48.92
Mrs. Winifred Spear.....			16.56
Credit balance.....			26.32
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	\$	300.00	\$ 300.00

### GYPSY MOTH AND DUTCH ELM DISEASE SUPPRESSION

Town Appropriation.....	\$	300.00	
Pruner Head and Poles.....			\$ 17.01
Roy A. Hicks and Helper.....			282.90
Credit balance.....			.09
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	\$	300.00	\$ 300.00

### BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Town Appropriation.....	\$	250.00	
Henry Hicks Insurance Agency.....			\$ 222.00
Credit balance.....			28.00
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	\$	250.00	\$ 250.00

## INSURANCE

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 2,100.00	
Workmens Compensation (Langevin Ins. Agcy.).....		\$ 1,044.83
Town Property Ins.....(Langevin Isn. Agcy.).....		590.04
Liability Ins. on Town Vehicles (Langevin Ins. Agcy.).....		359.42
Credit balance .....		105.71
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	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00

## TYLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 500.00	
Interest from Maxwell Library Fund.....	31.49	
Interest from Fred W. Hawkes Fund.....	30.23	
Interest from Tyler Memorial Trust Fund..	268.16	
Librarian's salary.....		\$ 350.00
Campbell and Hall, Inc.....		263.09
Marboro Books.....		14.91
Thomas Bouregy & Co.....		32.33
Roadside Bookshop.....		37.00
Merrill Pollinger.....		13.80
Gaylord Brothers.....		12.73
Moore-Cottrell Subscription Agencies....		32.65
History of Leyden.....		7.80
Americana Corporation.....		6.00
Liberty Book Shop.....		12.12
Miscellaneous books.....		14.00
Desk Supplies.....		3.00
Credit balance.....		30.45
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	\$ 829.88	\$ 829.88

## EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND

Town appropriation.....	\$ 929.96	
Franklin County Retirement System.....		\$ 929.96
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	\$ 929.96	\$ 929.96

## CHRISTMAS FUND

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 100.00	
From Charlemont Lions Club.....	10.00	
A. L. Avery & Son.....		\$ 2.09
Cariddi Sales Company.....		\$ 107.91
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	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00



## OLD CEMETERIES

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 35.00	
Charles Purinton.....		\$ 35.00
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	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00

## EAST CHARLEMONT SCHOOL

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 50.00	
Northern Berkshire Electric Company....		\$ 15.97
Painting Hallway.....		\$ 30.00
Credit Balance.....		4.03
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	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

## HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 55,635.12	
Hawlemont Regional School District....		\$ 55,635.12
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	\$ 55,635.12	\$ 55,635.12

## MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 941.60	
Mohawk Trail Regional School District..		\$ 941.60
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	\$ 941.60	\$ 941.60

## NORTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 24.00	
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School.....		\$ 24.00
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	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00

## INTEREST

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 300.00	
Shelburne Falls National Bank.....		\$ 293.15
Credit balance .....		6.85
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	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

## TOWN HISTORY

Town Appropriation.....	\$ 500.00	
Credit balance .....		\$ 500.00
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	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Town appropriation.....	\$ 25.00	
Credit balance.....		\$ 25.00
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	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Town Appropriation.....	\$	300.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund.....		66.63	
Cyrus C. Annear .....			\$ 274.13
Auxiliary Police Payroll.....			23.75
Shelburne-Buckland Police Assoc.....			15.00
Roto Beam Light.....			49.50
Supplies.....			4.25
	\$	366.63	\$ 366.63

## MISCELLANEOUS

Town Appropriation.....	\$	1,900.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund.....		228.41	
Selectmen's Expense.....			\$ 48.30
Town Clerk Expense.....			51.31
Treasurer's Expense.....			154.00
Assessor's Expense.....			192.46
Tax Collector's Expense.....			218.05
Greenfield Recorder Gazette.....			22.78
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.....			154.11
Office Expense.....			10.30
Frank J. Wells—water rent .....			35.00
Avis Churchill—water rent .....			6.00
Printing Town Reports and Postage .....			672.38
Ballots.....			61.80
Sheriff Horace E. Warfield.....			10.70
County of Franklin.....			1.00
Horace T. Clark.....			1.00
Dinner for Queens, Yankee Doodle Days.....			25.92
F. Deane Avery Associates .....			207.00
Stoddard, Ball, Bartlett and Trudell.....			256.30
	\$	2,128.41	\$ 2,128.41

## WITHHOLDING TAX

Collector of Internal Revenue.....	\$ 4,847.13
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	300.50

## BLUE CROSS—BLUE SHIELD

Blue Cross—Blue Shield.....	687.75
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## FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT FUND

Franklin County Retirement System .....	\$ 805.96
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## WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

Western Franklin Veterans' Service Center .....	\$ 409.50
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**CEMETERY FUNDS**

Treasurer, Leavitt Cemetery.....	\$	18.20
Treasurer, Village Cemetery.....		62.97

**STATE AND CITY TAXES**

State Treasurer, Auditing Town Accounts	\$	906.15
State Treasurer, Parks and Reservations		454.22
County Treasurer, Dog License .....		277.50
County Treasurer, County Tax.....		6,159.67
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	\$	7,797.54

**DOG OFFICE EXPENSE**

Dog Officer's Expense .....	\$	64.00
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**WILDCAT BOUNTY**

Six Bounties.....	\$	60.00
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**REPAYMENT OF LOAN**

Shelburne Falls National Bank.....	\$	26,650.00
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**TOWN OF HAWLEY**

For Hawley's share of Christmas Tree Party	\$	29.97
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**COLLECTOR'S DEMANDS**

Tax Collectors' Demands and Warrants..	\$	299.95
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**REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS**

Two Refunds for 1959 .....	\$	179.86
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**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS**

One Refund for 1959 .....	\$	3.15
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**MOTOR EXCISE REFUNDS**

Three Refunds for 1958 .....	\$	25.61
Twenty Five Refunds for 1959.....		332.05

**RESERVE FUND**

Town Appropriation.....	\$	2,000.00	
Memorial Day.....			\$ 9.20
Street Lights .....			265.44
Snow, Roads .....			537.15
Public Assistance .....			526.82
Town Hall .....			164.97
Fire Department .....			19.35
Miscellaneous.....			228.41
Police Department.....			66.63
Credit balance .....			182.03

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	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

**MEMORIAL PARK**

Town Appropriation.....	\$	500.00	
Credit balance, to be carried over to 1960			\$ 500.00
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	\$	500.00	\$ 500.00

## RECAPITULATION

### HIGHWAYS

Snow, Roads & Bridges .....	\$ 7,537.15	
Chapter 81 .....	15,275.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	6,000.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	2,500.00	
Chapter 90 Construction		
South River Road .....	12,000.00	
Highway Department Vacations .....	388.80	
Machinery .....	6,990.46	
Machinery, new equipment .....	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 53,191.41

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Welfare .....	\$ 216.00	
Veterans Benefits .....	3,105.04	
Disability Assistance .....	836.56	
Old Age Assistance .....	34,232.65	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	5,761.82	
Western Franklin Welfare District .....	420.00	
Western Franklin Veterans Center .....	409.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 44,981.57

### HEALTH

Western Franklin Public Health District	\$ 1,840.00	
Board of Health .....	273.68	
Town Dump .....	132.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,246.18

### ADMINISTRATION

Town Hall .....	\$ 1,864.97	
Officers Salaries .....	4,121.90	
Miscellaneous .....	2,128.41	
Interest .....	293.15	
Employees Retirement Fund .....	929.96	
Auditing Accounts .....	906.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,244.54

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department .....	\$ 366.63	
Fire Department .....	2,319.35	
Street Lights .....	1,435.44	
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### TAXES

State Parks and Reservations .....	\$ 454.22	
County Dog Tax .....	277.50	
County Tax .....	6,159.67	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,891.39

## INSURANCE

Bonding Town Officers.....	\$ 222.00	
Workmen's Compensation.....	1,044.83	
Town Property Fire Insurance.....	590.04	
Liability Insurance on Town Vehicles....	359.42	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,216.29

## TYLER LIBRARY

Tyler Memorial Library .....	\$ 799.43
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## SCHOOLS

Hawlemont Regional School District.....	\$ 55,635.12	
Mohawk Trail Regional School District ..	941.60	
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School.....	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 56,600.72

## ALL OTHER EXPENSES

Memorial Day.....	\$ 59.20	
Christmas Fund.....	110.00	
Gypsy Moth & Dutch Elm Disease Suppression.....	299.91	
Old Cemeteries .....	35.00	
Legion.....	240.00	
East Charlemont School .....	45.97	
Fairgrounds Maintenance .....	95.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 885.08

## SPECIAL

Withholding Taxes (deductions).....	\$ 5,147.63	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield (deductions).....	687.75	
Franklin County Retirement (deductions)	806.26	
Treasurers, Village and Leavitt Cemeteries	81.17	
Dog Officers Expense .....	64.00	
Wildcat Bounties .....	60.00	
Repayment of Loan .....	26,650.00	
Tax Refunds .....	540.00	
Collector's Demands.....	299.95	
Town of Hawley—for Christmas Fund...	29.97	
	<hr/>	\$ 34,367.40
Total		\$216,545.43

## MACHINERY EARNINGS—TOWN OF CHARLEMONT

Snow, Roads and Bridges .....	\$ 1,851.00	
Chapter 81.....	3,341.54	
Chapter 90 Maintenance.....	1,855.39	
Chapter 90 Construction.....	2,415.16	
Town Dump.....	11.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,474.59

## MACHINERY EARNINGS—OUT OF TOWN

Town of Hawley.....	\$ 35.00
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

This is the eleventh annual report of the Finance Committee.

During the year authorization has been given several times for the transfer of money from the Reserve Fund to other accounts. Record of these transfers can be found in the Town Expenditures.

Higher costs in several accounts were due primarily to increases in salaries, the wage scale and also higher prices for public utilities and supplies.

The Committee has worked with the Selectmen in the preparation of the 1960 Budget and although your Selectmen and Finance Committee have conscientiously tried to keep all expenses at a minimum, once again we find it difficult to keep the total amount from rising.

D. A. Lanoue

Leslie F. Vincent

Ann E. Doyle

# Town Clerk's Report

1959

## VITAL STATISTICS

1959	Name	Births	Parents
Jan. 8	Pearl Marie Taylor		Floyd Henry Taylor Ann Marie Poissant
Jan. 17	Edward Carl Coates		Allen McClure Coates Sylvia Angel Baxter
Jan. 28	Michael Joseph Cavanagh		Edward Joseph Cavanagh Ruth Louise McArthur
Feb. 5	Nancy Lee Dean		Fred Ernest Dean Blanche Yarter
Feb. 18	Faith Mary Burrington		Lawrence Everett Burrington Constance Penageota Dally
Mar. 9	Susan Margaret Tilley		Wilson Lawrence Tilley Priscilla Ethel Harvey
Mar. 15	Priscilla Elizabeth Wilson		J. Gilbert Wilson, Jr. Hazel Dora Hillman
Mar. 20	Dennis Gordon Griswold		Gordon Lewis Griswold Annette Emilie Gould
Apr. 3	Barbara Jean Beaushaw		John Frederick Beaushaw Joyce Fay Fenior
Apr. 30	Debra Ruth Bliss		Verne Ellsworth Bliss Janet Albee
June 8	Jeffrey Albert Purinton		Horace George Purinton Dorothy Elizabeth Hunkler
June 17	David Alan Dyer		George Blanding Dyer, Jr. Janet Elizabeth Spencer
Oct. 13	Janice Beth McCloud		Everett Bertrand McCloud Marion Alice Stone
Dec. 29	Craig Steven Rice		Donald A. Rice Martha A. Lynch

## COMPARISON TABLE OF BIRTHS

1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
18	14	15	20	14

## MARRIAGES

1959	Name	Residence
Jan. 24	William Charles Werth Gladys Petrea Knechtel	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Feb. 7	Norman A. Hicks Betty A. Slaunwhite	Charlemont, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
July 11	Robert L. Rice Gail A. Copley	Charlemont, Mass. Buckland, Mass.
July 26	Philip John O'Connor Mary Edith Lynch	Pittsfield, Mass. Charlemont, Mass.
Aug. 15	Frank C. Siecienski Peggy A. Otwell	Middletown, Conn. Charlemont, Mass.
Nov. 7	Robert E. Steere Dorothy P. Kenyon	Chepachet, R. I. Charlemont, Mass.
Oct. 10	Walter C. Palmer Dale K. Moodie	Charlemont, Mass. Northampton, Mass.

## COMPARISON TABLE OF MARRIAGES

1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
11	9	10	14	7

## DEATHS

1959	Name	Yrs. Mo. Days
Jan. 15	Katharine Andrews Healy	87 7 1
Mar. 24	Dorothy Velma (Bouldry) Parks	49 6 18
May 2	Olivia "Regnier" DeGraffe	81
June 28	Willard E. Booth	56 11 27
July 2	Helen Wright Avery	71 1 3
July 26	Mary (Knight) Parks	74 2 2
Aug. 21	Minnie Vincent Humphrey	84 5 26
Sept. 21	Jennie Rebecca (Ballard) Duncan	82 11 5
Oct. 5	Severino J. Cetto	44 0 24
Oct. 30	Emma (Willard) Sey	77 8 21
Nov. 28	Giulio Vittorossi	87 10 16
Dec. 1	Frances McKinstry	75 11 23

## COMPARISON TABLE OF DEATHS

1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
13	15	12	11	12

### 365 FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

7	Resident Citizens' Sporting & Trapping Licenses to persons seventy or more years old.....	Free
1	Resident Citizens' Fishing License to the blind.....	Free
70	Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses @ \$3.25 .....	\$ 227.50
98	Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses @ \$3.25 .....	318.50
92	Resident Citizens' Sporting Licenses @ \$5.25 .....	483.00
16	Resident Citizen Minors' Fishing Licenses @ \$1.25.....	20.00
42	Resident Citizen Females' Fishing Licenses @ \$2.25 .....	94.50
1	Resident Citizens' Trapping License @ \$7.75 .....	7.75
18	Special Non-Resident Fishing Licenses @ \$2.75 .....	49.50
5	Non-Resident Citizens' Fishing Licenses @ \$7.75 .....	38.75
7	Non-Resident Citizens' Hunting Licenses @ \$15.25.....	106.75
1	Non-Resident Citizens' Sporting License @ \$20.25.....	20.25
7	Duplicate Licenses @ .50 .....	3.50
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game .....	\$ 1,282.50
	Fees retained.....	87.50
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		\$ 1,370.00

### 120 DOG LICENSES ISSUED — 2 KENNEL LICENSES

59	Male Dog Licenses @ \$2.00.....	\$ 118.00
11	Female Dog Licenses @ \$5.00 .....	55.00
50	Spayed Female Dog Licenses @ \$2.00 .....	100.00
1	Kennel License @ \$10.00 .....	10.00
1	Kennel License @ \$25.00 .....	25.00
	Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$ 277.50
	Fees retained.....	30.50
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		\$ 308.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. CARPENTER

Town Clerk

# Assessors Report

The Charlemont Board of Assessors report the following valuation for 1959.

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Adams, Carroll E.....	\$ 100.00	
Adams, Dorothy.....		\$ 4,340.00
Adams, Dorothy.....		120.00
Adams, Glenn E. & Dorothy L.....		7,020.00
Adams, N. Eugene & Eva M.....		5,025.00
Adams, N. Eugene & Eva M.....		120.00
Adler, Carl E.....	400.00	
Adler, Pearl I. & Carl B. ....		6,010.00
Adler, Ralph E. & Florence B.....		300.00
Albee, John E.....		1,300.00
Aldrich, Allie C.....	200.00	4,525.00
Anderson, Mrs. Andres.....	100.00	1,595.00
Anderson, Raymond A.....	4,400.00	150.00
Andrews, Warren.....	70.00	
Andrews, Warren & Irene.....		1,330.00
Angeli, Augusto Est. & Emma.....		3,420.00
Annear, Cyrus C. & Lillian W.....		4,085.00
Anthony, Arthur J.....		200.00
Amidon, Vesta Sawyer.....		5,070.00
Amidon, Vesta Sawyer.....		1,045.00
Amidon, Vesta Sawyer.....		100.00
Askew, Doris A. & Frank, Mildred H.....		1,310.00
Atkins, Ralph B. & Doris S.....		1,900.00
Avery, Francis W. Est.....		5,770.00
Avery, A. I. & Son.....	14,200.00	
Avery, Henry L.....		5,335.00
Avery, Henry L.....		2,670.00
Avery, Henry L.....		2,570.00
Avery, Henry L.....		375.00
Avery, Henry L.....		12,220.00
Avery, Henry L., Jr.....		4,765.00
Babcock, Henry E. & Daniel H.....	50.00	1,000.00
Babcock, Henry E. & Daniel H.....		100.00
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara & David K.....		6,045.00
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara & David K.....		300.00
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara & David K.....		810.00
Ballard, Ruth K., Barbara & David K.....		660.00
Bannish, John E.....		200.00
Bannish, John E.....		325.00
Bannish, John E.....		900.00
Barrett, Earl E. & Ella M.....	2,000.00	14,700.00
Baxter, Charles M.....	90.00	1,510.00



	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Bedaw, Beverly A.....		1,100.00
Bicknell, Fred O.....		3,575.00
Bilhoefer, John A. & Ruthetta S.....	450.00	3,025.00
Bissland, James H.....	95.00	
Bissland, James H. & Elsie C.....		7,395.00
Blann, Stanley & Marjorie .....		650.00
Bliss, Marion E.....		2,750.00
Bliss, Verne E.....	40.00	
Bliss, Verne E. & Janet A.....		1,390.00
Booth, Harold L.....	20.00	
Booth, Robert.....	50.00	280.00
Booth, William.....		\$ 745.00
Boston & Maine Railroad.....		19,165.00
Boston & Maine Railroad.....		285.00
Boston & Maine Railroad.....		550.00
Boston & Maine Railroad.....		6,850.00
Boullie, William J.....	750.00	
Boullie, William J. & Anna T.....		2,750.00
Boullie, William J. & Anna T.....		675.00
Brant, James & Lorna D.....		3,825.00
Brant, James & Lorna D.....		2,350.00
Bowen, Helen.....		8,895.00
Breen, Roy H.....		3,080.00
Bremer, Ruth M.....		4,315.00
Brown, Frank.....	50.00	
Brown, Frank S. & Rita H.....		2,270.00
Burger, Celia I.....	75.00	1,240.00
Burnett, Arnold K.....	30.00	
Burnett, Arnold K. & Lucy E.....		2,540.00
Burnett, Norman A.....	115.00	
Burnett, Norman A. & Phyllis J.....		3,870.00
Burnett, Wilbur I.....	125.00	3,535.00
Burnett, William R.....	20.00	
Burrington, Frederick W. & Sumner, Ralph C.....		640.00
Burrington, Lawrence E.....	75.00	
Burt, Harold A. & Marie.....		3,865.00
Burt, William R.....		4,950.00
Callanan, Charles I. & Valida A. ....	50.00	1,300.00
Carpenter, Mary L.....		2,930.00
Carlson, John R.....	1,100.00	4,435.00
Carroll, Fred W. ....	4,150.00	
Carroll, Fred W. & Louise.....		4,450.00
Carroll, Fred W. & Louise.....		3,900.00
Cavanough, Edward J. & Ruth L.....	200.00	6,610.00
Cetto, Enrico, Est.....		3,145.00
Charlemont Plantation, Inc.....		4,415.00
Churchill, Avis M.....		2,900.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Churchill, Merritt H.....		100.00
Clark, Edwin R.....	30.00	
Clark, Francis J., Lawrence A. & Horace T.....		4,510.00
Clark, Horace T.....		6,160.00
Clark, Inez T.....		6,285.00
Clark, Lawrence A.....		4,500.00
Coates, Allen M. & Sylvia B.....		625.00
Connelly, Edgar A. & Julia V.....	100.00	1,440.00
Connolly, Joseph P.....	100.00	2,090.00
Cowls, W. D., Inc.....		688.00
Cronk, Paul B.....	60.00	
Cronk, Paul B. & Irene.....		1,325.00
Dally, Aristides K.....	1,150.00	22,865.00
Davenport, Carlton P.....		80.00
Davenport, Carlton P.....		1,000.00
Davenport, C. P., Inc. ....		7,405.00
Davenport, James P.....		375.00
Davenport, Louis A. & Ellen A.....		3,370.00
Davenport, William A.....		400.00
Dean, Fred E. & Blanche Y.....		2,800.00
Dean, Fred E. & Blanche Y.....		50.00
Dean, Russell F.....	20.00	
Dean, Russell & Irene.....		2,285.00
DeBenedetto, Salvatore & Marion.....	50.00	500.00
Dickinson, Alice G.....	60.00	3,150.00
Dickinson, Edgar G.....	25.00	
Dickinson, Edgar C. & Ruth A.....		2,285.00
Dickinson, Richard R.....		250.00
Dickinson, Richard R. & Ethel May.....		3,370.00
Dimick, George H. & Ella Joyce.....		3,625.00
Dimick, John H.....		2,375.00
Dimick, John H.....		2,450.00
Dion, Jennie M. & William H.....	100.00	1,100.00
Dostie, Roland.....	1,250.00	
Dunlop, Leslie R. & Marion C.....	730.00	1,740.00
Dyer, George B. & Janet E.....		2,345.00
Earle, Ralph.....		940.00
Elliott, William S.....		600.00
Ellsworth, Bernice S.....		2,790.00
Ellswortg, Horace E.....	1,400.00	160.00
Ellsworth, Horace E. & Bernice S.....		3,710.00
Falandes, Maximilian.....	30.00	
Faiandes, Maximilian & Katherine.....		6,335.00
Feder, Sydney J. & Ethel.....		4,445.00
Fisk, Emma W.....		5,030.00
Fitzroy, Alton P. Jr. & Lois M.....		4,120.00
Foley, Joseph M.....		7,090.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Foliated Talc Company.....		200.00
Formosi, Diomede.....	195.00	
Formosi, Mrs. Ellen Ellery.....		2,700.00
Forsberg, Harold S.....		6,050.00
Fox, George M. & Helen D.....	100.00	2,950.00
Fox, George M. & Helen D.....		110.00
Frame, Ralph I. & Nellie E.....	50.00	480.00
Freiberg, Sarah.....	200.00	
Freiberg, Sarah & Edward.....		5,750.00
Fusco, William et al.....	50.00	1,000.00
Galvin, Leon R. & Doris M.....		2,460.00
Gibson, Herbert D. & Constance D.....	200.00	3,150.00
Gibson, Kemp C. & Bernice M.....	150.00	1,500.00
Giffin, Harry F., Jr.....	40.00	3,840.00
Giffin, Newell S. & Gail I.....		2,300.00
Gilbert, Fred J. & Marjorie E.....		4,210.00
Gilbert, George J. & Aldea M.....		3,720.00
Gilbert, Mabel H. & Charlie J.....	30.00	4,545.00
Gleason, Francis.....		455.00
Goddard, S. Stuart.....	1,150.00	
Goddard, S. Stuart & Anne E.....		10,610.00
Godzina, Joseph & Wanda M.....		12,540.00
Goodnow, Lewis W. & Florence L.....	50.00	2,365.00
Goodwin, Charles W. & Katherine.....		4,750.00
Gorman, Roy S.....		3,295.00
Gould, Albert L. & Dorothy M.....		8,585.00
Gould, Grace C.....		5,315.00
Gould, Cyril G.....	\$ 2,850.00	\$
Gould, Cyril G. & Hazel M.....		8,770.00
Gray, Charlotte et al.....	75.00	700.00
Gribbin, George H.....	360.00	
Gribbin, George H. & Barbara.....		3,605.00
Grover, Albina A.....		4,520.00
Hallahan, William E.....	2,000.00	7,095.00
Halligan, Burdette J. & Mable D.....		3,405.00
Hamilton, Evelyn C.....		3,380.00
Hamilton, Evelyn C.....		1,000.00
Harmon, James B.....		2,225.00
Harris, Edward R., Jr.....	30.00	
Harris, Edward R., Jr. & Elizabeth M.....		6,360.00
Harris, Ethel M.....		630.00
Harris, Ethel M. & Alfred E.....		4,680.00
Harris, Herbert R.....	20.00	1,820.00
Harris, Herman F.....	1,480.00	835.00
Harris, Herman F. & Esther G.....		3,495.00
Hartwell, Kenneth.....	100.00	
Hartwell, Kenneth W. & Alice E.....		4,700.00
Harwood, Clarence B.....		3,195.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Hawkes, Norman W.....	100.00	
Hawkes, Norman W. & Ruth S.....		4,780.00
Hawthorne, Donald, Trus. Crowle Mt. Club	50.00	500.00
Healy, Allen.....		160.00
Healy, John J.....		31,350.00
Healy, Winston.....	340.00	7,610.00
Heist, Claude W.....	20.00	2,595.00
Heist, Paul E. & Phyllis L.....	20.00	1,920.00
Heist, Paul E. & Phyllis L.....		370.00
Henderson, Kenneth W. ....	500.00	
Henderson, Kenneth W. & Charlotte W.		4,410.00
Henderson, Walter A. & Lenabel H.....		3,850.00
Henning, Kenneth E. & Ruth L. ....		100.00
Hicks, Ray C.....	185.00	9,815.00
Hicks, Roy A. & Ethel M.....		3,785.00
Hicks, Walter W. & Beverly J.....		160.00
Hogeman, Mrs. Hazel M.....		3,265.00
Howes, Earle K. & Leora M.....		4,600.00
Hunkler, Harley D.....		3,530.00
Hunkler, Lawrence .....		3,330.00
Hunkler, Mrs. Rosa.....		2,130.00
Hunt, Blanche L.....		3,365.00
Hyytinen, Reino A. & Virginia B. ....		1,160.00
Hyytinen, Reino A. & Virginia B. ....		100.00
Hyytinen, Reino A. & Virginia B. ....		2,800.00
Jackman, Robert H. & Jane M.....		4,175.00
Johnson, Marshall A. & Rebecca P.....		8,160.00
Kendrick, Stanton.....	230.00	
Kendrick, Stanton C. et al.....		8,435.00
Kendrick, Stanton C. et. al.....		620.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.....	4,800.00	23,970.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.....		5,030.00
Kennedy, Cecil H.....		600.00
Kenyon, Alfred R. & Dorothy.....		3,410.00
Kilgore, Harold S. & Ruth I.....		5,670.00
King, Grace T.....		3,040.00
King, Grace T.....		2,115.00
King, Robert J. & Geneva A.	\$	\$ 3,970.00
Kirchleckner, Frank.....		1,010.00
Kolnacki, Joseph S. ....	100.00	6,025.00
Koonchaug, Building Assoc.....		1,500.00
Koncal, William C.....		2,430.00
Krehbiel, Ernest & Margaret E.....	50.00	1,860.00
Kunz, Douglas W. & Marie.....	50.00	2,430.00
Ladd, Charles R. & Judith A.....		1,010.00
LaMountain, Ernest L. & Patricia L. ....		2,850.00
Lamore, Alvin H.....	150.00	
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A.....		4,425.00



	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Langevin, Harold J. & Beda A.....		100.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose.....	1,200.00	12,260.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose.....		3,000.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose.....		1,200.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose.....		1,310.00
Lanoue, D. Ambrose.....		1,150.00
Laramée, Lawrence L. & Eugenia B.....	100.00	3,335.00
Lee, Frank H.....	150.00	3,955.00
Lees, Minnie.....		1,000.00
Legate, Annie S.....		450.00
Legate, Harry F.....		3,930.00
Legate, Harry F.....		580.00
Liese, Cyrus, Jr.....	470.00	
Liese, Cyrus, Jr. & Elaine S.....		5,170.00
Lilly, Sarah.....		1,210.00
Lively, Cleophas.....	20.00	
Lively, Cleophas & Ellen.....		2,790.00
Lively, Clovis.....	80.00	
Lively, Clovis N. & Celena J.....		3,900.00
Lively, Elise & Trudel, William S.....		2,460.00
Longley, Lawrence A. & Julia M.....		1,500.00
Longridge Co., Inc.....		1,000.00
Lowensberg, William A.....	530.00	
Lyman, Geraldine H.....		5,190.00
Lyman, Joan M. G.....		6,085.00
Mac Lean, Harold W. & Mildred F. ....		3,005.00
MacLean, Wallace Sterling & Leona Ada.....		50.00
Magnant, Lester F. & Lauraine .....		3,115.00
Malcolm, David J. & Mary S. ....		5,340.00
Manchester, Arthur W. & Mary C.....	75.00	1,130.00
Mann, T. S. Lumber Co.....		1,950.00
Martin, Carol.....		585.00
Martin, Edward H. & Ruby T.....		3,250.00
Massoth, William & Victoria L.....	300.00	6,630.00
Massoth, William & Victoria L.....		5,000.00
Mathukatis, John & Stephanie.....		3,795.00
Maynard, Albert E. & Eleanor R.....		3,560.00
Maynard, Earl O. Est.....		2,040.00
Maynard, Earl O. Est.....		150.00
Maynard, John W. & Beverly L.....		2,440.00
McCloud, Everett B. & Marion.....		3,890.00
McGowan, Arthur V.....	1,000.00	22,850.00
McHaffie, John W.....		2,360.00
McKane, Edward P. & Helen.....		4,600.00
McKinstry, Roger E.....	1,100.00	
McKinstry, Roger E. & Doris.....		11,355.00
Miller, Arthur L. & Clark, Francis J. ...		390.00
Miller, Gertrude .....	100.00	1,345.00
Miller, Helen.....	1,800.00	3,995.00



	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Moriarty, John M. ....	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,620.00
Montagna, John A., Trustee Camp Comprestre. ....		300.00
Muller, Peter J. ....		7,285.00
Murphy, Margaret. ....		400.00
Murray, Harry E. & Isabelle. ....	100.00	700.00
New England Power Co. ....	7,240.00	72,900.00
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. ....	37,700.00	2,250.00
Newell, Ralph F. ....		3,005.00
Nilman, Carl H. ....		6,700.00
Noga, Henry E. & Nina E. ....		4,065.00
Norcross, Ora Marie. ....		6,770.00
Norman, Joseph W. & Cordelia M. ....	100.00	700.00
Northern Berkshire Electric Co. ....	41,000.00	
Padula, Violet. ....		600.00
Palmer, Paul W. & Clarinda A. ....		3,280.00
Pappas, Stanford. ....	1,300.00	
Pappas, Stanford C. & Elizabeth. ....		5,500.00
Parker, Floyd A. & Lurena M. ....		3,355.00
Parker, James L. & Ruby Lenora. ....		5,925.00
Patterson, George. ....	250.00	
Pecor, Harmon G. ....	500.00	
Pierson, William D. ....	685.00	16,030.00
Pike, Sherman T. & Elizabeth G. ....	600.00	13,545.00
Plantation House, Inc. ....	270.00	7,880.00
Pleshaw, Beatrice L. ....		1,970.00
Pleshaw, Gervin D. & Gladys. ....		4,300.00
Porrovecchio, Carl James. ....		2,815.00
Potter, W. N. Grain Stores, Inc. ....		11,120.00
Powers, Charles E. ....		1,200.00
Pratt, Robert J. & Mayabelle M. ....		3,050.00
Pratt, Clement C. ....		550.00
Pratt, Gordon M. ....	20.00	
Pratt, Gordon M. & Esther E. ....		1,800.00
Purinton, Albert T. ....	280.00	
Purinton, Albert T. & Veda E. ....		3,930.00
Purinton, Harry L. ....	500.00	
Purinton, Harry L. & Thelma G. ....		1,645.00
Purinton, Albert T. & Veda E. ....		220.00
Purinton, Raymond A. ....		6,110.00
Purrrington, Gordon. ....		600.00
Quillinan, Clayton F. & Ralph L. ....		1,415.00
Raymond, Donald W. & Katherine E. ....	115.00	4,070.00
Raymond, Gerald T. & Bessie P. ....		2,300.00
Redard, John. ....	50.00	
Redard, John & Phyllis Ridge. ....		3,885.00
Reed, Claude E. & Bonnalyn E. ....		420.00
Reed, Claude E. & Bonnalyn E. ....		1,460.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Rice, Aubrey L. ....	2,430.00	
Rice, Aubrey L. & Amelia A. ....		4,400.00
Rice, Kenneth. ....	30.00	
Rice, Kenneth R. & Marie M. ....		1,215.00
Rich, Lumber Co., Inc. ....		1,000.00
Richmond, Earl L. & Hazel N. ....	40.00	6,330.00
Rickert, Frank J. & Margaret M. ....		4,110.00
Ringchrist, George & Edna May. ....		3,640.00
Rivers, Mrs. Rena M. ....	30.00	5,535.00
Robinson, Thurman & Clara T. ....		1,500.00
Dennis Rowe Lumber Co. ....	\$ 8,000.00	\$
Rowe Lumber Co. ....		370.00
Rubenstein, Frances D. ....	75.00	2,245.00
Ryan, Helena T. ....		1,675.00
Ryan, Helena T. ....		1,775.00
Ryan, Helena T. ....		1,710.00
Sandri, Arcillo. ....		3,000.00
Schaefer, Paul E. & Sophia. ....		390.00
Schechterle, William G. & Gertrude D. . .	200.00	3,750.00
Schultz, Harold J. ....		160.00
Sears, John H. ....	40.00	
Sears, Mabel V. ....		4,825.00
Shafer, Oella. ....		2,695.00
Shaw, Harry P. & Mary. ....	20.00	3,400.00
Shaw, Lincoln. ....		1,740.00
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank. ....		5,860.00
Sherman, Cecil. ....		670.00
Sherman, Elmer. ....		315.00
Sherman, Floyd. ....	40.00	585.00
Sherman, James M., Jr. ....		525.00
Sherman, Lena M. ....		745.00
Shields, Edward D. & Gertrude I. ....	60.00	4,045.00
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. ....	2,030.00	
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. & Stella B. ....		7,740.00
Shukis, Dominic S., Jr. & Stella B. ....		1,280.00
Shumway, Harold & Gladys T. ....		3,415.00
Simmons, Mary. ....	2,000.00	11,600.00
Slaunwhite, Stewart E. ....		3,570.00
Smith, Frederick A. & Margaret E. ....		4,120.00
Smith, H. Parker. ....	120.00	
Smith, H. Parker & Beth T. ....		3,350.00
Smith, J. Roger. ....	790.00	
Smith, J. Roger & Wissman, Dorothy S. & Smith, Philip R. & Martin, Carroll G. ....		3,290.00
Spear, Elbert F. & Winifred E. ....		5,940.00
Spofford Motors, Inc. ....	150.00	2,325.00
Stacy, Helen B. ....		300.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Stafford, Edward R. & Margaret L.....		2,050.00
Stafford, William P. & Grace M.....		4,185.00
Stidhams, Green B. & Helen A.....	75.00	1,100.00
Stafford, Russell M. ....	30.00	
Streeter, Charles E. & Marjorie T. ....	260.00	7,075.00
Swehla, Louis F. & Dorothy C.....	50.00	1,615.00
Tanner, Donald H. & Lois E.....		1,960.00
Tanner, Richard & Homer.....		5,235.00
Taylor, Archie F.....	70.00	3,480.00
Taylor, Theron S., Jr. & Virginia J.....		6,000.00
Temple, John B.....		545.00
Thompson, Mrs. Jane.....		3,040.00
Thunder Mt. Ski Assoc.....	1,000.00	
Tilley, Wilson L. & Priscilla E.....		5,275.00
Tinney, Floyd O.....		1,270.00
Tinney, Lawrence S.....	40.00	1,120.00
Tinney, Lawrence Jr.....	50.00	
Tower, Mabel A.....		5,205.00
Trinity Church.....		750.00
Trudell, William.....	20.00	
Trustees, Congregational Society.....		715.00
Trustee, I. O. O. F.....		4,350.00
Trustee, Leavitt Cemetery.....	\$	\$ 600.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon H.....		3,750.00
Turner, Dora E. & Leon H.....		1,910.00
Turner, Christine M.....		9,245.00
Turner, Leon H.....	2,600.00	
Turner, William C.....		2,400.00
VanNostrand, Lawrence H.....		4,910.00
Veber, Laura M. & Leon H. ....	50.00	1,625.00
Vincent, Leslie.....	115.00	3,750.00
Wagner, Gloria J.....		4,445.00
Wagner, Joseph A. & Gloria J.....	110.00	4,730.00
Wakefield, William H. & Bessie M.....		1,680.00
Ware, Alice F. ....		2,000.00
Warfield, Horace E. & Agnes Y. ....	525.00	13,605.00
Warner, Mary E. ....		3,625.00
Wells, Frank J.....	5,500.00	15,350.00
Wescott, Clarence E. & Mona R.....	100.00	4,700.00
West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., Inc.....		1,100.00
Western Union Tel. Co.....	2,400.00	
Westfield Box & Lumber Co.....		4,100.00
Wheeler, Daniel G.....	150.00	5,595.00
Whipple, Olin E.....		800.00
Whipple, Olin E. & Ruth McFall.....		5,005.00
Whitaker, Ernest W. & Tillie ....	150.00	2,680.00
White, Harold T. ....	1,150.00	150.00
Wilbur, Stephen C.....		2,130.00

	<i>Personal</i>	<i>Real</i>
Willard, James R. & Ruth E. ....		8,340.00
Willey, Belle. ....	300.00	
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		4,450.00
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		4,025.00
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		5,175.00
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		2,710.00
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		2,350.00
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		1,180.00
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		2,935.00
Willey, Belle & Turner, Dora W. ....		675.00
Willis, Roger. ....	50.00	
Willis, Roger W. & Marjorie A. ....		8,685.00
Wilson, Elizabeth A. ....	100.00	1,880.00
Wilson, J. Gilbert Jr. & Hazel D. ....		3,890.00
Wilson, Raymond W. & Mildred C. ....	20.00	4,295.00
Wirthmore Stores, Inc. ....	350.00	



## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

In accordance with the Town's instructions, the list of taxable property as of Jan. 1, 1959 forms a part of our report this year. We have also included a reproduction of our work sheets which show the amount of money required to be raised by the Town, the estimated sources of that revenue and the computations which determined the tax rate for 1959.

The most important part of our report, however, consists of the following discussion of policy which the Board intends to put into effect on Jan. 1, 1961. This policy involves a complete revaluation of property at fair cash value. Since the last official revaluation, in 1948, property has been assessed at approximately 40% of full value. If existing assessments were entirely correct, the new policy would have the effect of increasing the Town's total valuation  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times, with a corresponding decrease in the tax rate. It is, however, obvious that some assessments will not increase in the full proportion and some will increase more, but there is bound to be a substantial increase in valuations and a lowering of the rate.

Our reasons for adopting this policy are based on the considerations which follow.

1. Fair cash valuations are required by law, and the Assessors are under oath to obey the law. Although nearly all Massachusetts assessors have violated the law in this respect over a long period of time, there is considerable evidence indicating that violation will not be tolerated much longer. Furthermore, the law as it exists is sound, and there is nothing to be gained by refusing to adhere to it.

2. Adoption of this policy will, ipso facto, require a townwide revaluation. When properly done, revaluations result in equalization of taxes, the highest aim of assessing. Although the Board attempts to carry on a constant revaluation from year to year, it is necessarily confined to a small number of properties. Thorough revaluation requires a consideration of each parcel of property in relation to **all** other property. It is time for a thorough revaluation because, since the outside revaluation in 1948 there has been a tremendous change in economic conditions and property values, and to stand pat on a 12 year old base will only prolong inequities.

3. The existing policy of fractional assessments results in providing an excessive and illegal advantage to property owners who are entitled to certain exemptions from taxation. For example, a property owner who is entitled by law to an exemption on \$2000 of property value is actually, under the 40% of value policy now in effect in Charlemont, receiving an exemption on \$5000 of property value. Cash value assessing will insure that exemptions will be limited to the amount provided by law.

4. It is our feeling that full value assessments will tend to minimize the effect of errors in valuation. For example, a \$500 error in



valuing a property actually worth \$5000 is a 10% error at full value, but is a 20% error at 50% of full value.

5. We believe that fair cash value offers a more comprehensible basis for comparing property valuations. Market price, by no means the only factor in assessing, is nevertheless a rough indication of cash value and reflects it more directly than does a fractional valuation. Furthermore, the Assessors must necessarily determine full value in the process of assessing, and there is no apparent advantage in then reducing it by some fraction.

6. As far as we have been able to discover, there are no advantages to fractional valuations other than the dubious one that it is something to which people have become accustomed and that they will be upset by a change. Authorities on Massachusetts taxation are unanimously agreed on fair cash valuations. The argument that there is merit in maintaining low valuations with the consequent high tax rate seems to us completely spurious.

7. It is expected that the proposed project will not involve great expense. State consultation, involving a small fee, may be advisable and there may be some stenographic expense. In general however, the Board intends to do the job itself. On the subject of expense, it should be pointed out that the Town is badly in need of an adequate tax map. Such a map would show in detail each parcel of property and its boundaries, that information having been obtained from aerial photographs and land surveys. Although we do not yet feel justified in asking the Town to approve such an undertaking, the cost of which would be substantial, there is no question that until we have a good map it will be impossible to establish a truly equitable tax structure.

We urge townspeople to let us have their views on the proposal outlined above, as well as any other matters concerning our office, particularly those relating to their own property. The proposed revaluation will involve a great deal of work which we intend to do to the best of our ability. It is our hope that the values we come up with will not only be fair, but will also be satisfactory to the taxpayers. With your help we do not believe that this is too much to hope for.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman W. Hawkes

Donald W. Raymond

Winston Healy

*Assessors*

## ASSESSORS WORK SHEET 1959

Total appropriations as certified by the Town Clerk to be raised by taxation		
		\$ 152,963.36
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds.....	23,302.69	
State Assessments		
State parks and reservations.....	498.60	
State audit of municipal accounts.....	906.15	
County Assessments		
County tax.....	6,053.53	
1958 Underestimate county tax.....	240.00	
Overlay of current year.....	3,617.25	
Gross amount to be raised		\$ 187,581.68

Estimated receipts and available funds:		
Income tax.....	17,632.27	
Corporation taxes .....	3,472.83	
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land.....	1,075.78	
Old age tax.....	797.05	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise .....	9,000.00	
Licenses.....	2,600.00	
Fines .....	25.00	
General government.....	500.00	
Protection of persons and property ..	100.00	
Charities (other than Federal grants)	1,500.00	
Old age assistance (other than Federal grants) .....	14,500.00	
Veterans services.....	700.00	
School.....	11,800.00	
Interest on taxes.....	300.00	
Farm animal excise.....	300.00	
Motor coach park fees.....	175.00	
State parks and reservations (over- estimate of previous year to be used as available funds).....	5.36	
Amount voted to be taken from available funds.....	23,302.69	
Total estimated receipts and available funds.....		\$ 87,785.98
Net amount to be raised by taxation on polls and property.....		99,795.70
Total valuation		
241 Polls at \$2.00.....	\$ 482.00	
Personal property.....	179,180.00	11,288.34
Real estate .....	1,397,228.00	88,025.36
Tax Rate \$63		\$ 99,795.70

# EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 1959

## Article 2. Voted to raise the following appropriations:

Snow, Road & Bridges.....	\$ 7,000.00
Highway Department Vacations.....	400.00
Public Assistance.....	25,000.00
Veterans Benefits.....	5,000.00
Welfare District Administration.....	420.00
Veterans District Administration.....	409.50
Board of Health.....	300.00
Town Dump.....	150.00
W. Franklin Public Health District.....	1,840.00
Bonding Town Officers.....	250.00
Insurance.....	2,100.00
Franklin County Retirement .....	929.96
East Charlemont School.....	50.00
Mohawk Trail Regional School.....	941.60
Hawlemont Regional School.....	55,635.12
Charlemont High School.....	40,155.00
(\$30,155 from local taxes and \$10,000. from available funds)	
Police Department.....	300.00
Fire Department.....	2,300.00
Street Lights.....	1,170.00
Town Hall.....	1,700.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,900.00
Interest.....	300.00
Fairground Maintenance.....	100.00
Gypsy Moth & Dutch Elm.....	300.00
Civilian Defense.....	25.00
Christmas Fund.....	100.00
Memorial Day.....	50.00
Old Cemeteries.....	35.00
Legion Rooms.....	240.00
Library.....	500.00
Reserve Fund.....	2,000.00

**Article 3.** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the State Department of Public Works and the County Commissioners for the construction and maintenance of public highways under Chapters 81 and 90 of the General Laws.

**Article 4.** Voted to raise \$2,530.00 for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance.

**Article 5.** Voted to raise \$697.31 and transfer from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956 \$2,302.69, making a total of \$3,000.00 to be used to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 construction on South River Road.

**Article 6.** Voted to raise \$3,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway maintenance.

**Article 7.** Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund \$5,500.00 for 1959 machinery maintenance account, including purchase of new equipment.

**Article 8.** Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund \$2,500.00 to the 1959 account for the purchase of a new sander body.

**Article 9.** Voted to raise \$500.00 to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, on the preparation of a town history.

**Article 10.** Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to survey the wages of town employees and report its findings to the Selectmen. Committee appointed: Frank J. Wells, Harry Purinton, and Charles Streeter.

**Article 11.** Voted to raise \$4,200.00 for the payment of the following annual salaries, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1959, together with such clerical help as the Selectmen may authorize:

Selectmen.....each...	\$ 300.00
Clerk.....	450.00
Treasurer.....	750.00
Tax Collector.....	600.00
Two Assessors.....each...	250.00
Clerk Assessor .....	350.00
Sealer.....	75.00
Inspector of Animals.....	75.00
Fire Chief.....	100.00
Dog Officer.....	15.00
Moderator.....	10.00

**Article 12.** Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to allow persons engaged in business in the Town of Charlemont to erect and maintain not more than two signs on sites away from their place of business in accordance with regulations of the Outdoor Advertising Authority and the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 13.** Voted to raise \$114.87 to cover an overdraft in the 1958 Chapter 81 account.

**Article 14.** Voted to raise \$500.00 for the improvement of the Fairgrounds (Memorial Park) to be expended under the direction or supervision of the Park Commissioners. Any unexpended balance to be carried over to the same account next year.

**Article 16.** Voted that the Town remain in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District consisting of Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath and Shelburne.



## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**AUGUST 19, 1959**

**Article 1.** Voted to accept as a public way and as a Town way the relocation of part of West Oxbow Road as laid out by the Selectmen and shown on a plan thereof filed with the Town Clerk on August 11, 1959, and authorize any taking by eminent domain or otherwise of said land or rights therein within the bounds of said layout, and to appropriate from available funds in the treasury \$1.00 therefor.

**Article 2.** Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Fund \$1,500.00 to the 1959 Machinery maintenance account, to include the purchase of new equipment.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 3, 1959**

**Article 1.** Voted NOT to accept the provisions of an act passed by General Court in 1948, providing for the establishment of a regional school district by the city of North Adams and the towns of Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Florida, Savoy, Monroe, Heath and Charlemont or by said city and such two or more of said towns as may accept the proposed agreement filed with the city council of said city and the Selectmen of said towns and further providing for the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of such agreement.

**Article 2.** Voted to raise \$24.00 from funds in the treasury to pay Charlemont's share of the expense of publishing and distributing the brochure of the Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School Planning Board.

**Article 3.** Motion was made to extend the benefits of the Massachusetts Workmen's Compensation Act to all employees of the Town excepting members of the police force and fire force and appropriate \$40.00 from funds in the treasury to pay the required additional insurance premium for coverage of employees in addition to laborers, workmen, and mechanics as now covered.

After a short discussion by the voters present, a second motion was made and voted to lay the first motion on the table until the annual Town Meeting in February.

**Article 4.** Voted to discontinue and abandon that portion of West Oxbow Road as it existed before the relocation duly accepted by the Town on August 19, 1959, lying westerly and southerly of the westerly line of said relocation and to authorize the



Selectmen on behalf of the Town, in consideration of releases of any and all claims for damages resulting from said relocation, discontinuance, and abandonment to execute and deliver to Horace T. Clark and to Helen M. and Arthur L. Miller in any mutually acceptable division any interest of the Town in the land lying within the limits of said discontinued and abandoned portion, including the easterly approach thereto from the Mohawk Trail, so called.

# Town Meeting Warrant

February 1, 1960

The polls will be open from 11:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. for the election of the following town officers: Clerk, Treasurer, Selectman, Assessor, School Committeeman, Tax Collector, Moderator, Library Trustee, Auditor, Tree Warden, Park Commissioner, Three Constables, and member Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee. The position of Mowhawk Trail School Committee member will be filled by write-in, as no one filed nomination papers for this position.

At 8 o'clock in the evening the meeting will be convened for action on the articles of the warrant. The tentative budget approved by the Finance Committee is as follows:

Snow, Road & Bridges	\$ 7,800.00
Chapter 81	2,350.00
Chapter 90 Construction	4,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00
Highway Vacations	365.00
Machinery	6,000.00
Public Assistance	25,000.00
Welfare District Administration	664.00
Veterans Benefits	4,000.00
Veterans District Administration	427.00
Board of Health	300.00
Health District	1,800.00
Town Dump	175.00
Bonding Town Officers	210.00
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Insurance	2,000.00
Retirement System	844.53
Hawlemont School	57,657.81
High School	46,722.85
East Charlemont	75.00
Police Department	300.00
Fire Department	2,300.00
Street Lights	1,625.04
Town Hall	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	1,900.00
Interest	520.00
Officers Salaries	4,450.00
Fairgrounds	100.00





Ms John Maynard